Judge condemns 'political posturing'

# Rates rebels lose appeals against huge surcharges

The 81 Labour councillors who spearheaded last year's rates rebellion, yesterday lost their appeals in the High Court against massive sur-charges and banning from

Lord Justice Glidewell found that many of the rebels from Liverpool and Lambeth councils were guilty of "mere political posturing". All had been guilty of "wilful misconduct" and were, there-fore, hable for losses of more than £200,000 than £200,000.

Mr Justice Caulfield said the evidence of misconduct in Lambeth was "crushing" and that it had "reached a pinnacle of political perversity". Councils were creations of statute and not miniature Parlia-

The judgement was one of the most important for many years and paves the way for the sweeping from office of some of the most controversial figures in local politics. Their fate ultimately will not be known until any further appeals that they may mount have been heard.

Those in court included Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth council, and Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader in Liv-

for silence. Mr Knight said afterwards that it had been a travesty and harsher than he

Trade union leaders in Liv-erpool, called on the 31,000

16 Labour Party members in

the city to face expulsion over

Tomorrow

deciding whether to appeal. Mr Hatton said: "The lead-ership of the parliamentary Labour Party and the rightwing of the National Execu-tive Committee has to an extent ensured that we have

been tried by the media." The timing of appeals is significant because elections are due in all Lambeth seats and a third of those in Liverpool on May 2. If the rebels are disqualified, opposition councillors in both authorities will have majorities thorities will have majorities until elections are called and will have the power to reverse

Labour policies. The judgement also opened the way for further actions to recover court costs and further council losses, and could de-stroy the livelihood of most of the rebels, several of whom are unemployed or retired.

Mr Lionel Read, QC, for the Lambeth councillors, asked unsuccessfully for the auditors costs to be awarded against the council rather than any of its members. He ex-plained that the rebels were jointly and severally liable for the Lambeth surcharge of more than £100,000.

If some were unable to pay anything there would be a erpool, and a supporter of much greater hurden on oth-Militant. The judgement was greeted with anger which led to calls many, if not all, of these appellants," Mr Read said.

The court's only concession was to cut the Lambeth sur-

their Militant activities.

£200,000 to pay in surcharges

If further appeals fail, or i they do not appeal within 28 days, the surcharge is hig enough to trigger antomatically their disqualification from all council office for five years.

Mr Justice Russell said that the Lambeth bill should not have been cut. He was convinced, unlike bis brother judges, that a political campaign against the Government by the rebels had been "their dominant motive from the

Lord Justice Glidewell said that delaying the fixing of a rate in Lambeth "contained an implied threat that services would deteriorate and that chaos would ensue". There was no evidence of intent to carry out the threat.

The Lambeth and Liverpool case dates back to the abortive Labour rates rebellion of last year in which 20 councils were briefly in-volved, and of which Mr Knight was one of the architects. The idea was to delay rate-fixing in unison in the hope of putting pressure on ministers to unlock more gov-

ernment grant
Liverpool and Lambeth
were chosen for ten cases because they delayed for longer than anybody else.

had expected. He and his charge bill by almost £20,000, that they might try to recover colleagues would wait for the for technical reasons. That more money from the 81 full 28 days allowed before still leaves the 81 rebels in rebels. Liverpool unions call for strike

MPs' questions about a timescale for decisions, in spite of firm Whitehall guidance that ministers want to tie up firm deals by the end of the Although the cabinet subcommittee may force a climbdown, it is also assumed that the General Motors hid

But he refused to respond to

company.

A startled Prince Andrew was given a

surprise send-off by shipmates yester-day when he left HMS Brazen at Devouport for the last time. About fifty sailors donned Biggles-

style flying gear complete with gog-gles, flamboyant scarves and silly

General

**Motors** 

leads five

will be successful because it offers the prospect of a dispos-al of Leyland Trucks. Mr John Smith, the Opposition spokesman, noted in the House that because of that link ministers had got themselves into a "hopeless be

gaining position". Mr Channon announced that the firm declarations received were: ofrom Schroder Ventures on behalf of some institutions

management, for Land Rover, Range Rover and Freight Rover, ofrom Lonrho, for Land Rover and Range Rover, ofrom Aveling Barford for Land Rover only; and

and certain members of BL

ofrom General Motors, for Land Rover, Range Rover, Freight Rover and Leyland Trucks.

He also said that the Laird Group and Aveling Barford were each discussing the possihility of buying Leyland Bus. in which certain members of management were also inter-ested. There is a longer timescale for that potential

Mr Channon said that he expected to receive BL board recommendations shortly and added:"The board and the Government remain anxious to end the present uncertainty surrounding these businesses as soon as possible."

He said repeatedly that decisions would be taken on the basis of the long-term interests of the different sections of the company, including Leyland Trucks.

It was also announced by Mr Channon that Mr Graham Day, the £85,000-a-year chairman of British Shipbuilders, is to take over as chairman of BL from Sir Austin Bide once decisions have been made "on the future of the main Land Rover-Leyland husinesses". Mr Day's new salary was not revealed.

Parliament, page 4 event yesterday.

### ANC flags fly at township burial From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

uniforms, for a rousing salute to the

Prince. A chief petty officer, backed

by a group with guitars, sang "I'm the King of the Swingers" from the film, The Jungle Book, - but with different

The Prince had marched on to the

As many as 50,000 people The council gave 500 rand yesterday attended the funeral (£170) towards the funeral in Alexandra, the black ghetto costs of each of the bereaved in northern Johannesburg, for families.

17 of the people killed there last month in riots and clashes Winnie Mandela, wife of the

jailed ANC leader, arrived. Dressed in black, she was It was one of the biggest "political" funerals South Af- ushered to her place

Mrs Mandela, who is re-Black, green and yellow stricted by a "banning" order flags of the outlawed African National Congress were prominently displayed, and were also used as palls for each of read on her behalf, she said: "No amount of hullets can The proceedings began in a stop an idea whose time has dusty football stadium in the come. Over the blood of our centre of the township, with sons and daughters, we march

several hours of emotional to freedom. Mrs Albertina Sisulu, andancing, singing and chants of other formidable wife of a "Viva (Nelson) Mandela" and jailed ANC leader, drew "Viva (Oliver) Tambo" (the cheers from the crowd when ANC leaders).

She described the Government as "frightened ried in a mile-long cortege, cockroaches" and "greedy which wound through filthy vultures who want to feed ried in a mile-long cortege, which wound through filthy

alone". A member of the Alexandra Civic Association, Mr Mac the bodies of 13 other people killed in last month's violence were in the local mortuary, still unidentified. They might be migrants, who had no

relatives in the township. The police, who said 23 people were killed in the violence, kept out of the township yesterday, but mounted roadhlocks outside. Cameras were banned by the police, but many were smug-

### up, the hangar door slowly opened and 50 pairs of feet began dancing to a tune from the musical 42nd Street. Avalanche kills 7 troops in

flight deck to shake hands with Captain Richard Cohhold, his com-manding officer, and he whipped

round in surprise when a band struck

From Tony Samstag Oslo

Norway

Seven Norwegian soldiers died and seven others were missing yesterday after an avalanche buried a group of 27 infantrymen on rontine Nato military exercises above the Arctic Circle in Norway.

More than 100 troops using dogs and helicopters were continuing the search in appalling weather conditions.

The avalanche, in the Vassdalen valley near the port city of Narvik, came in the wake of days of a very heavy spowfall, the spokesman said. Although the snow had

eased somewhat, high winds. heavy drifting and reduced visibility continued to hamper the search.

Some 20,000 troops from eight Nato countries are participating in "Anchor Express", the largest of the allience's hismanal Narthern

Express exercises. The rescue centre as Bardufoss reported last night

that 17 men, including the dead, had been flown to a hospital nearby. Three of those buried by the

avalanche were uninjured. ● LONDON: A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said last night first reports

indicated that there were no

British casualties.

# **Societies** hit back in home loan war

By Lawrence Lever

The battle for the mortgage market between the high street banks and the huilding societies hotted up yesterday when the three largest huilding societies — the Halifax. Abbey National, and Nationwide abolished the half a per cent extra interest rate charged on endowment mortgages.

At the same time the Prudential, Britain's largest insurance company, announced that it was entering the mortgage market.

The three building societies said that the new rates - 12.75 per cent for both endowment and repayment mortgages will apply to new borrowers.

Existing borrowers would be brought into line by at least

The move will cut £5.83 and £8.75 a month from net interest payments on a £20,000 and a £30,000 a month endowment

mortgage respectively.

The gross interest payments on a £40,000 endowment morigage will fall £16.67 a month to £425.

The move by the building societies is in response to the high street banks, which abolished differential rates last week, making their endow-ment mortgage rates cheaper than the building societies'

The move, like that of the clearing banks, is timed to catch the traditionally buoyant demand for mortgages in the three months round Easter.

The Prudential - which expects to be lending mortgages at the rate of £500 million a year within the next few months, according to a spokesman — will also not charge differential rates.

However, the Pru's rates for mortgages below £50,000 will be 12.95 per cent — slightly more than the building society rates but marginally below those of the high street banks.

On loans above £50,000, the Pru's rates will be the same as those of the huilding societies at 12.75 per cent.

Mr Tim Melville Ross, chief general manager of the Nation-wide, said, however, that he was concerned at the impact the ficrce competition would have on mortgage rates. The Nationwide's abolish

ing of the endowment differential, as a result of the banks' pressure, could well mean that any general reduction in mortgage rates this year would be smaller than it could otherwise have been, he said.

Two of the societies, the Abbey National and Nationwide, promised to bring the two rates into line should there be a move on interest rates before June 1.

# **BL** bids By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and industry, told the Commons yesterday that British Leyland's bankers had re-ceived five hid declarations for parts of the state-owned The Audit Commission

which employs district auditors, indicated after the case

Transport and Geaeral Workers' Union, which has 2,000 members in the city. It was not clear last night city half workforce last night what response the call had to join a one-day strike foday brought. The committee has in support of the 45 Labour represented only two main councillors who last their minor since the debicle of last High Court appeal against year's attempted all out strike disqualification and switcharge during the financial to join a one-day strike loday brought. The committee has in support of the 48 Labour represented only two main-councillors who lost their mions since the debide of last want's attempted all out strike disqualification and sorcharge during the financial yesterday (Peter Davenport confront after with the government that took the city to the edge of bankraptcy.

Those unions are the General Manifernal Rollermakers? A new ambrella organization, the Joint Trade Union
Forum now represents 17,000
city hall workers from Natgo,
Nupe, the National Union of
Tenchers and the construction
workers' union UCATT, and
last night itsleaders said they
had not yet met to decide on
any action.

They would wait to see council unions, and one of the and Allied Trades Union, with 9,000 members, the largest whether the councillors inlocal authority union, and the tended to appeal

# **Bank of England**

Change for the better



The 'bare boards' image of British betting shops is about to give way to carpeted comfort, showing racing live on television, and serving snacks



The Times Portfolio daily competition prize of £2,000 was not won yesterday 50 tomorrow the prize is £4,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, page 37.

### I en executed

Ten Nigerian military officers have been executed by firing squad for their involvement in a coup plot last December to topple President Ibrahim Babangida.

### Child bride

Britain's immigration laws are to be changed to prevent a repeal of the case of a bride aged 12 brought into the country by her student

# No smoking

Most people want new laws to insist that no smoking areas be provided at work and in Page 3 restaurants



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# halts £1bn merger

money broker, which would have created a new £1 billion financial services conglomerate, were called off yesterday after talks with the Bank of

England. The news raises questions about the future plans of both

The deal foundered on the Bank's insistence that it could not make an exception to the O'Brien provisions which limit the size of bank involvement in money brokers to 10

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfeil said yesterday that both companies were disappointed Mr Bill Matthews, chief executive of Exco, said: We have not entirely abandoned hope but we cannot see a way forward at the moment".

He said be hoped the banking community could be persuaded to change the O'Brien provisions in which case the wo companies would revive their merger talks. "In the meantime, we are looking at alternatives in the financial services sector," he added.

This is the second time in a matter of days that Morgan Grenfell has fallen foul of Bank of England rules. Last

Friday the Bank of England MP learns of

### public money fraud charge

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, has told Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, that a person has been charged with a fraud involving the misappropriation of public money.

But the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Law Officers' department were yesterday unwilling to give details. It is understood to relate to the Export Credits start gas warfare, blew up and Guarantee Department,

# By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent Plans for a merger between announced that banks could

Morgan Grenfell, the mer- not buy strategic stakes in chant bank, and Exco, the companies amounting to money broker, which would more than 25 per cent of their capital base.

The new rule was clearly prompted hy Morgan Grenfell's activities in the Distillers and United Biscuits takeover battles in which it has taken large strategic

The failure of the merger plans has revived speculation that Exco's biggest sharehold-er, Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Singapore businessman. will try to buy it. • Share prices climbed

sharply yesterday to push the FT 30-share index above 1,300 for the first time. It closed at 1301.3, up 20 points on the day. · A target rate of about

DM3.00 would be suitable for the pound, 61/2 per cent lower than present levels, according to an influential independent committee. A majority of the committee favours immediate entry at this "central rate" to the European Monetary Sys-

The committee, chaired by Lord Croham (former Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and now chairman of Guinness Peat) unanimously favours public targets for the exchange rate.

Shares soar, page 17

### The funeral was unusual in the number of whites who attended. They included diplomats from seven Western countries, including Britain, Opposition MPs, and members of the Black Sash women's civil rights group and of the National Union of South African Students.

Councillors from Sandton. one of the neighbouring white districts, were also present.

with police and troops.

speeches, punctuated with

dirt streets, stinking with un-

collected garbage and night soil, to the hurial ground on a

rica has seen.

the coffins.

ANC leaders).



### Sport to aid famine fight

A global marathon race will be the climax of a Sport Aid week in May 10 raise money for famine relief in Africa. It will be run simultaneously in 55 different cities and could be the biggest charitable

event yet held. Bob Geldof of Band Aid was among the team launching the

### Doubt cast by Reagan on summit

Washington (Reuter) President Reagan was quoted as saying yesterday that he would call off a planned trip to Moscow next year unless the Soviet leader, Mr Mikbail Gorbachov, came to the United States for a summit meeting this year. Mr Reagan's statement was made at a breakfast meeting with a selected group of reporters.

"I've got news for them." Mr Reagan was reported to have said."There won't be a summit in Moscow" if Mr Gorbachov does not come to the United States this year.

Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan held their first summit in November in Geneva. They agreed to hold a summit in the United States this year and another in the Soviet Union in 1987, but bave so far failed to agree on a date for this year's summit. Mr Gorbachov has suggested September, Mr Reagan has asked for June.

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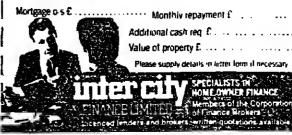
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# Pensions for mustard gas war

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Up to 600 British sailors contaminated by mustard gas during an enemy bombing in Italy in 1943 are to receive backdated war pensions running into many thousands of

The move, costing the Government several million pounds, follows a fight by a Labour and a Conservative MP on behalf of Mr Bertram Stevens who was exposed to mustard gas at Bari Harbour when an American ship, carrying the substance to counter any attempt by the enemy to

Mr Stevens, now aged 64, was on HMS Vulcan, a supply ship serving motor torpedo beats, when the ship went down and "vapour" came across the harbour and hit them. It was only in December that it was finally admitted that the substance was mus-

tard gas. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced last night that Mr Stevens, who has received a war pension only since November 1983, would have it backdated to when his symptoms due to the Bari incident first showed them-

and the first of t

1960s and it was said last night that Mr Stevens can expect to receive a lump sum running into five figures. Mr Fowler added that the cases of the 600 or so other casualties who were contaminated by mustard gas in the

bombing would have their

cases investigated to see

whether similar action was appropriate. Dr Oonagh McDonald, La-bour MP for Thurrock, said last night she was absolutely delighted: "I am not only pleased for Mr Stevens but also hope that the other 600 men who were on board that

Mr Michael Mates, Conser

vative MP for Hampshire East who was also involved in the campaign, said last night: "It is honest and decent of the Government to have acknowledged the anomaly and to have made restitution. I am quite delighted that they have done

Mr Stevens, who now receives a £37.50 a week war disablement pension, regularly has to take oxygen because of his illness. His wife, Betty, said last night that it had been a week after the bombing before her husband was able to get treatment:

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent Mr Dougherty was de-scribed by a fellow chairman who is a Conservative Party

supporter yesterday as "a first-

ally expelled from the Labour

Party for implementing hospi-

tal cuts". He added: "It really does

look as though ministers do

ical rather than health service

been chairman of Wands-

worth for just over four years.

presided over the closure of the South London Hospital

He used his casting vote to

push through privatization of

cleaning services at Spring-field mental hospital, which saved £100.000, and has cut

about £8 million from the

health authority's revenue

budget over four years as the

district has had to surrender

funds to other parts of the

Mr Dougherty, a former

mayor of Wandsworth, came

under heavy pressure from his

local Labour Party to resist

cuts, but said yesterday; "Be-

cause I was appointed by the

minister it was my duty to

carry out the policy of the

Labour Party after more than

30 years because of the pres-

sures to which he was being

subjected, and which were

making it very difficult for

him to continue his job.

He said that he had left the

for Women.

health service.

Government."

Mr Dougherty, who has

A health authority chairman who was effectively forced out of the Labour Party for pursuing government policies on the health service has been told by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that his appointment is not to be re-

Mr Sam Dougherty, chair-man of Wandsworth health authority, has been told his appointment is to end in the coming round of appoint-ments and re-appointments of chairmen of the 190 district health authorities, even though he wished to continue for another four-year term.

Dr John Todd, chairman of Canterbury and Thanet health authority, has also not been reappointed in spite of wishing to continue, after he spoke out about the financial difficulties his district was facing.

The effective dismissals come amid fears by health authority chairmen and officers that health ministers are trying to replace chairmen who have fought publicly for more resources with Conservative hands".

They believe that the Government wants to stop health authorities "rocking the boat" about NHS cuts as the general election approaches.

Wandsworth, as a losing inner-city district, has had its share of disagreements over resources, and ministers are understood to be reluctant to renew the appointments of at least two other inner-city chairmen in London whose authorities have resisted cuts.

Judges in

'checks'

dispute

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs

### Teachers' pay panel sets date

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

ers, which is not a party to the

settlement, has been invited by

Acas to take part in the talks

informally, and it is expected

Hundreds of thousands of

people are expected to take

part in a global marathon race

in May. It will be run simulta-

neously in 55 different cities at

the end of a week of fund-

Plans untlined yesterday could make it the higgest

The race, which is being organized jointly by Band Aid and the United Nations, seems

likely to raise amounts similar

to those collected after last

year's Live Aid concert when 100 million dollars was con-

tributed towards famine relief

and development work in Afri-

It was launched yesterday

hy a team which included Bob Geldof of Band Aid, Mr James

Grant, the executive director

raising called Sport Aid.

charitable event yet held.

The three men appointed by the Advisory, Conciliation and A group of lawyers is divided over the merits of a Arhitration Service (Acas) to proposal which would allow look at the long-term problems of teachers' pay and conditions begin their deliberations tothe ombudsman to investigate complaints against judges. The committee, set up to morrow.

recommend reforms on the The panel is due to meet the administration of the courts. teachers' unions and local has failed to reach a united authority employers for the first time in the afternoon. view on the proposal which provided the pay settlement is was made to meet public concern that the present sys- ratified today, as expected, by tem offers no channel for such CLEA/ST, the conditions of service negotiating body.

The five teaching unions

But it is expected that in its which signed the pay settle-ment on Monday are hoping that the talks, scheduled to forthcoming report the committee will recommend unanithe mousiv that responsibilities of the Home take six months, will bring the Office and the Lord hig salary increase they have Chancellor's Department for been demanding. The employthe administration of justice ers for their part hope that he merged into one departthey will decide once and for all what teachers are required to do contractually.

The biggest teaching union, the Natinual Union of Teach-

That at least would eliminate the confusion arising from the present split in responsibilities which often means that complainants do not know where even to send their complaints.

At present the ombudsman, or Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Administration, can investigate things done on he half of the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Home Office, provided the aggrieved person cannot take the matter to court

But he cannot investigate things done by or on behalf of judges.
Several members of the

committee were concerned that there is no way someone can complain about a judicial decision. although they can complain about one hy a court official.

Many complaints con-cerned the behaviour of judges and a majority on the committee felt that, as misbehaviour in the public service amounted to maladministration, one remedy was to extend the jurisdiction of the ombuds-

But a minority group was concerned that such a proposal would pose a threat to the independence of the judiciary. Inf the United Nations

### Attacks on **NCB** over pay and closures

By Richard Evans

The National Coal Board found itself under attack vesterday by pit managers worried about needless colliery closures, and hy the hreak-away miners' union which is to take legal action over wagerise anomalies.
The British Association of

class chairman who was virtu-Colliery Management, in a highly critical written submission to the Commons Energy Select Committee, attacked the board's "feush" with market forces, which it said was not want chairmen who are against the long-term interests of the industry and the econogoing about making a fuss "It looks as though they are appointing chairmen on polit-

my. The association, which represents 14,000 middle and senior coal industry managers, said that it did not disagree with the board's desire to eliminate government subsi-dy. But if the strategy was implemented too literally. "the effect will be to unjustifiahly increase the rate of

"We are concerned that the board's new strategy is defi-cient in a number of respects and that it reflects an essentially reactive and short-term response to the industry's problems". the association

The strategy meant that surplus capacity could be eliminated, even if it was economic, because of market availability. The pit managers recom-mended that the maximum

use of coal should be encouraged, particularly in the public sector and by the British Steel Corporation. Coal imports should be discouraged.

The disclosure that the Union of Democratic Mineworkers is taking action against the board's refusal to pay some members an agreed wage rise was made by Mr Roy Link, its general secre-tary, who said that large proportions of its management did not want to recognize the new union and tried

to pretend it didn't exist.

He told the Commons Energy Select Committee that the NCB recognized the UDM in areas where the union had more than haif the miners as members. But in other regions, even where there was a substantial minority of UDM members, the board would not recognize the union or pay them an agreed wage rise. Mr Lynk told the MPs that

the NCB was not paying over the extra cash because they did not want to, The pay increase of £5.50p a

week plus a shift bonus was UDM last November. It has been paid to miners in Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire where the union has a large membership, but with certain exceptions has not been paid to members else-

The NCB confirmed last night that it had received a writ from Mr Lynk's union.

Correction

Contrary to our report of February 8, the publishers of Eastenders magazine, defendants to a High Court copyright action by the BBC, are Choice Publishers. Publishers Limited, and not Choice Publications. Global race to fight famine

Children's Fund, Sebastian

Coe, the Olympic gold medal-list. Bryan Robson, the cap-tain of the England football

team, and Bohhy Charlton, the

former England international.

Boh Geldof called for schools, clubs, offices and local authorities to organize

parallel unofficial events to

coincide with the official races

which would be linked by

The week's sporting fixtures are expected to include appearances from most of the

Countries which have al-

ready confirmed their partici-

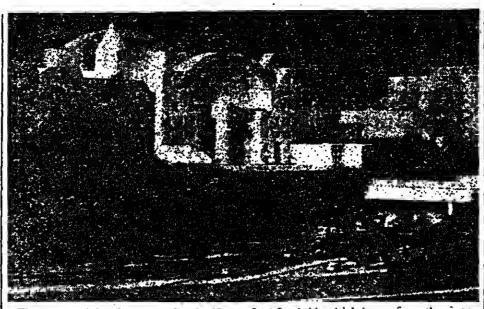
pation in the simultaneous race against time include Australia. Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Korea, the Philippines,

Tanzania, the US and most

European countries.

world's leading sportsmen.

television.



The proposed development with the Hungerford foothridge (right) seen from the river.

### Charing **Cross** facelift

By Charles Knevitt Architecture Correspondent

Plans for a £100 million development and urban renewal scheme at Charing Cross station, London, were unveiled yesterday by Mr Terry Far-rell, the architect, nn behalf of Greycoat Gronp and British Railways Board. The scheme, called the

Charing Cross Centre, is being submitted to Westminster City Council for planning permission this week. It covers several acres between the Charing Cross Hotel on the Strand and the River Thames Embankment point.

Air rights have been granted by British Rail for offices over the station concourse. They will have a vanited roof similar to the original one, which preceded the supposedly temporary flat roof built in 1905. The Hungerford pedestrian hridge over the river will be

linked to the concourse, and covered escalators will connect it to Villiers Street, to the east. Embankment Gardens will be opened and the handstand moved, and anamphitheatre is proposed at the York Water-

Sergeant

suspended

by Yard

By Stewart Tendler

Crime Reporter

pended yesterday by Scotland Yard officers investigating the

case of five north London

youths beaten up two years ago outside a funfair by offi-

The officer, based at Hamp-

stead, has been suspended

"pending further inquiries".

Last month four constables

in their twenties were charged

with conspiracy with others to

The five were attacked by

Three inquiries were beld to

try to trace the culprits but

investigators did not get be-

yond the fact that the attackers came from one of three police

vans in the district until a

confidential telephone line

Sport Aid will be inaugurat-

ed by an Ethiopian runner who will light a torch from the fire

of an Ethiopian refugee camp

and then run with it through

12 European capitals and arrive in New York on May 25

nn the eve of the UN General

Assembly's first special ses-

sion on Africa.

Before the UN headquarters be will light the fire which, televised all over the world,

will be the signal for the race

to begin in each place, irre-

spective of the time of day nr

In each city the course will

be 10 kilometres long to

symbolise the 10 years of effort needed to halve the child

Sport Aid is being co-ordinated through the Nation-al Exhibition Centre in

mortality rate in Africa.

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officers from a patrolling van

in Holloway. Two had hospi-

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A police sergeant was sus-

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The offices, with new hoildings on Villiers Street, will total 430,000 sq ft, and run the length of the station, behind the listed hotel by Barry. Work already being done on the station will be accelerated, but not as part of the scheme.

**Doctors** 

urge Pill

confidence

By Nicholas Timmins

Social Services

Correspondent

The British Medical Associ-

ation yesterday urged the Gen-eral Medical Council to reconsider its advice to doc-

ceptive advice if they consider

her too immature to under-

The council of the BMA also reiterated its advice to

doctors that they must main-

tain the girl's confidentiality even if they decide she is too

immature to receive the pill or

other contraceptive treatment.

cil chairman, said it was their

view that doctors should keep

the consultation confidential.

those circumstances he may

inform the parents of the

consultation if he considers

that is in the girl's best

The GMC is planning to

review its guidance on about treatment for under age girls.

The Department of Health is

expected to issue its new

guidance today after last year's

Meanwhile, doctors yester-

day backed the right of pa-

tients to have access to their

medical records, but with some reservations. Under the

Data Protection Act, health

ministers have to decide the

extent to which patients should be allowed access to

The BMA council proposed

that patients should be given

access to their records, subject

to the discretion of their

doctor, and, if they are not

satisfied with the information,

they should have the right to

seek access through an inde-pendent doctor of their choice

who would look at the record

their medical records.

ruling by the Law lords.

The GMC's advice is that in

Dr John Marks, BMA coun-

stand the issues involved.

will provide 47,000 sq ft for shaps, other commercial use, the rehalding of the Players

# Mr Farrell (left), with Mr Geoffrey Wilson of Greycoat

Theatre, and a sports centre. Virtually nothing will be demolished if the proposals go

### defensive over leak By Stephen Goodwin Political Staff Sir Robert Armstrong, the

Armstrong

on the

Cabinet Secretary, was involved in angry exchanges before a Commons select committee yesterday.

He again defended the role of senior Civil Servants in the leak of the Solicitor General's letter during the Westland

He told the MPs that offi-cials at 10 Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry had paid "a considerable price" in terms of anxiety and public exposure.

But although Sir Robert regretted their failure to recog-

nize the sensitivity of the critical letter to Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, he did not think it warranted disciplinary

At one moment during his cross-examination Sir Robert was told by Dr John Gilbert, Labour MP for Dudley East, that he was surrounded by "a sea of outrage"
it was the Cahinet

Secretary's second appearance before the defence committee. Sir Robert conducted the inquiry into the leak of Sir Patrick Mayhew's letter on January 6, but has steadfastly refused to name the top officials involved.

Members of the committee had no such qualms, constantly referring to Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, Mr Charles Powell, a private secretary in her office at No 10, and Miss Colette Bowe, head of infor-mation at the Department of Trade and Industry, Sir Robert condemned Dr

Gilbert's description of events as "grossly unfair".

He said that the officials

concerned all had the authority of a minister (Mr Brittan) who had accepted full respon-sibility for "the fact and form" of the disclosure. He had never considered resigning himself.

Further Anglo-Irish talks

### Unionist alliance under strain From Richard Ford, Belfast

lic will hold a further session of the Anglo-Irish conference tors to tell parents when a girl the agreement's suspension.

aged under 16 seeks contra-The fourth full meeting of

the joint ministerial conference, between Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Peter Barry, the republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, is expected to be held in Belfast, and signals the Government's determination to implement the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Although Unionist leaders appealed for a suspension of the deal, or "some of the mecbanism", to allow negotiations on devolution to begin. both governments are committed to implementing the agreement.

There are growing indica-tions that the Government is taking seriously the possibility of a change in the Unionist leadership after the violent day of action, which even moderate Unionists privately admit backfired disastrously. The tactic ended the grow-

ing pressure that was being put upon Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to be more conciliatory towards Union-ists. While the role of the Royal Ulster Constabulary dampened SDLP enthusiasm to support the security forces. Meanwhile, the uneasy alliance hetweeo Northern Ireland's two main Unionist parties is under growing strain which many suspect will lead

to a split. in spite of loud protestations of friendship, the Official Unionist Party is unhappy at finding itself locked in an embrace with the Democratic

for them.

In the last resort, patients could hring a court action to seek access to any information

Unionists.

So far both parties and their leaders, Mr James Molyneaux and the Rev Ian Paisley, have

Britain and the Irish Repub- managed to paper over cracks. but this is becoming increasingly difficult after the day of

within two weeks in spite of action degenerated into viodemands from Unionists for lence. Mr Molyneaux, of the OUP, the hooliganism and intimidation, taking his allies hy

He then publicly highlighted the division between his organization and that of Mr Paisley by insisting his party would not back a similar day of action. Mr Paistey made no such pledge, nor did he rule out further industrial stop-

The division between the two men, who have recently taken to calling each other my good friend lan and "my colleague Jim", was the first public sign of differences.

A soldier was killed and another seriously injured when an Army Land Rover was struck hy a train on a level crossing in Co Londonderry.
The soldiers were sitting in the back of the vehicle, which was returning to the Shackleton Army camp at Ballykelly dur-ing the night.

Acrimonious disputes have punctuated meetings of the working party designing a strategy of opposition to the agreement, with Official Unionists expressing concern at some of the ideas to escalate the campaign. Official Unionists have been

alarmed at suggestions to picket the homes of those refusing to leave government appointed bodies running education and health. In keeping with the different backgrounds and philosophies

of the parties, the younger, hrasher DUP members have accused the Official Unionists of lacking the stomach for a

### Licence given to genetically fixed drug

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By Pearce Wright Science Editor

The first genetically engineered drug to receive a licence in Britain has been approved by the Committee for the Safety of Medicines.

The compound belongs to the family of interferons, the group of molecules which the body produces naturally dironly process infections.

Permission was granted for the use of the substance called Wellferon specifically for the

treatment of an uncomm condition known as hair cell leukaemia The drug has undergone extensive trials by grouns in London. Cambridge. Exeter. Portsmouth, and Maidston. who were working with Dr Daniel Catovsky of the Medi-

cal Research Council's Leukaemia Unit at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School
At a meeting of the Royal At a meeting of the Society in London last might was described from its laboratory discovery nearly thirty years ago to its refinement by the Wellcome Biotechnology. at Beckenham, in Kent, as an anti-cancer drug.

Interferon was the first inti viral agent discovered; in research at the National Insti-tute for Medical Research in north London, in 1957, 30 The Wellferon preparation

has also been effective in eliminating warts that have resisted other treatments and as an additional aid in over-coming the problems of infection among patients undergoing organ transplants

Herbage fails Mr Alex Herbage, the inter-

national financier awaiting extradition proceedings to the United States on 46 million dollar fraud charges, yesterday lost a High Court bid to be released from Pentonville prison where he has been in custody since since last Octo-

Lecturer

doubted

Satanist

### £2m for care

Caring organizations in Britain are getting nearly £2 million from the European Community's £18.8 million. anti-poverty fund, it was an-nounced in Brussels yester-

Honeyford job

The post held by Mr Ray Honeyford, who retired as bead teacher of Drummond Middle School, Bradford, West Yorkshire, after a race row, is to be readvertised because no suitable candidates nave applied.

Jail reopens

Winchester Prison reopens to visitors and resumes moying prisoners to courts today after being closed on Monday when two cases of meningitis were discovered among inmates.

### Rail talks call Rail union leaders have

decided that British Rail's 5 per cent "final" pay offer is inadequate and they are to seek urgent talks on behalf of 120,000 rail workers.

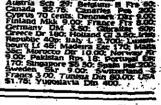
### Sweet warning

Police warned parents in Bristol yesterday to watch for fudge spiked with cannabis resin that might fall into sweet was found in a raid. MP pulls out

Mr John Forrester, the La-bour MP, has pulled out of the re-selection battle for his Stoke-on-Trent North seat.

Correction

A headline on February 20 wrongly implied that the Commission for Racial Equality had declared unlawful an advertisement by Dwyfor conscil; the commission is still considering the declared. considering the advertisement



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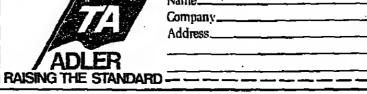
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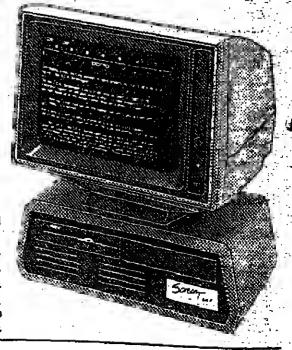
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# Most people want law on smoking at work and in restaurants

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

and in restaurants should be provided by law, according to a Which? survey published

Fifty-eight per cent of the objecting to being exposed to those questioned believed that other people's cigarette employers should have to provide smoke-free areas at

More than half the smokers in the survey and three-quarters of the non-smokers believed restaurants should also be legally required to have smokers and a large minority no smoking areas. Which? of non-smokers feel that a ban says in its survey on attitudes to smoking.

£20,000 over a lifetime for a typical smoker in their twenties - there is now an overwhelming consensus among

Smoke-free areas at work medical experts about the from lung or heart disease can dangers of the habit. have their condition aggravat-

Non-smokers do bave some ed health grounds, apart from irritation and discomfort, for smoke, the magazine says.

There was now "considerable support" from both smokers and non-smokers for a ban on smoking in most public places.

Only in pubs did most was not a good idea.

Which? says there is still a

The magazine says that controversy about the danger apart from the cost of smoking of breathing other people's cigarette smoke, but that a picture of the risks is beginning to emerge.

People who already suffer



Gary Napper putting gold leaf on the surround of a Reynolds hust during restoration work on the National Gallery's octagonal dome yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

### Nursing manpower

# Action call over 'shortage'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

There is significant scope of those who enter nurse still significant cope for savfor more efficient and effec-tive deployment of nurses over the whole of the National confirms that there could be Health Service, the Public Accounts Committee says in a

paper published yesterday. But at the same time it says that there is the prospect of a telling shortage of nurses in a few years and the Department of Health must consider urgently what needs to be

done". The committee says it is worried by evidence from the Royal College of Nursing that changes in the age structure make it likely that there will be significant fall shortly in the number of women aged 18 entering nursing.
At the same time 35 per cent

confirms that there could be "trouble with the nursing supply" in two years' time.

While agreeing that nursing manpower is unevenly distributed, the department has no more idea now than it had 17 years ago whether the NHS employs too many or too few nurses, which it finds disturb-

ing the committee says.

The prospect of a future shortage of nurses is a most serious matter of direct importance to patients. We expect the DHSS to consider urgently what needs to be done, calling upon whatever expert advice is available."

• Control of Nursing Manpower (House of Commons Paper 98;

• The committee says there is Stationery Office; £4.40).

ings in nurses manpower by reducing shift overlaps, changing the mix of grades em-ployed, and introducing fiveday wards for minor surgery, which can cut costs without damaging patient care.

Evidence that one authorit identified savings of £400,000 from five-day wards, and another found savings of £378,000 on an £11 million nursing budget by examining the mix of grades it employed, lends weight to the view that more effective management could improve efficiency without sacrificing the quality

of patient care.

# Child-bride case forces review of immigration laws

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Changes in the law were allowed into Britain as a promised jyesterday to pre-vent recurrence of a case in Mr N which a hride, aged 12, was brought to Britain by her husband.

Mr David Waddington. Minister of State at the Home Office, said in a radio interview that Home Office officials were working "right on the matter. The now" police have also begun an investigation.

Manchester City Council said vesterday that teachers at Levenshulme High School knew of her circumstances when she was enrolled, but were concerned only for her education.

The girl, Elham Bahrami, has been at the school since arriving in Manchester, where she lives with her husband. trainee pharmacist, in a flat in the Whalley Range area.

The council's education department said yesterday: "As she is not an illegal immigrant we have a duty to educate her. If any criminal act is taking place it is a matter for the police to investigate." He confirmed that the school was aware of her circumstances and had sought the department's advice before

registering her. As MPs called for action, a spokesman for Greater Man-chester Police said: "The matier has been brought to our attention and we are making immediate inquiries".

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Con-servative MP for Littlehorougb and for and Saddleworth, and an antichild sex campaigner, is to ask Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home

Mr Nikbakht, a student at North Trafford College of Education, was quoted in The Sun yesterday as saying that he had shown his marriage certificate at the British Embassy in Tehran.

They told me my case was unique and there was no law to cover the situation. The only problem was when we arrived at Heathrow and the immigration people interviewed us for an hour," he

The Home Office said yesterday that immigration rules allowed the wife of a man lawfully in Britain to be given leave to join him.

"Marriages are only recognized as valid here if they are valid under the law of the Mohsen Nikbakht, aged 27, a country in which they are contracted and the parties are man said. A person need not be residing in a country to be classified as domiciled there.

the attention of Home Office ministers until last Tuesday. The couple are said to have come to Britain 15 days after their marriage in January.

Questions to be tabled by Mr Dickens will ask the Attorney General whether he will initiate a prosecution of Mr Nikbakht for allegedly having intercourse with a girl aged under 16.

He will also ask Mr Hurd what his policy is on admitting child spouses to the United Kingdom, why Elham Bahrami was permitted to enter the UK as a spouse in spite of her age, and how many child spouses are known Secretary, and Sir Michael to have been allowed to enter Havers, QC, the Attorney the UK in each of the last five General, why the girl was years.

### Bones kept under floor

A dental lecturer accused of denies murdering his adopted daughter Nilanthe, aged 13. murdering his adopted daughter told a court yesterday be had stored human bones under the floorboards of his home for three years.

He said be later transferred them into three plant pots. Mr home as well as in a coffee jar, Samson Perera, aged 43, of Stillwell Drive, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, said the bones were specimens he had denies assisting him by imbrought from his native Sri

At Leeds Crown Court, be

The prosecution alleges he hacked the girl's body into 105 pieces then hid them.

Detectives allegedly found human bones in pots at his tray and beaker at his Leeds University laboratory. His wife Dammika, aged 37.

peding his arrest, and both deny obstructing the coroner. The trial continues.

### Lecturer doubted **Satanist**

Derry Mainwaring Knight, a self-confessed Satanist, claimed to a Christian training centre lecturer that a Roman Catholic cardinal was one of the top Satanists in Britain, a

the top Satamsis in Britain, a court heard yesterday.

The lecturer, the Rev Miehael Barling, told Maidstone Crown Court that Mr Knight alleged that Britain's devil worship organization was based in a building in London. The wealthy Christians who gave money appointed Mr Barling and the Rev Colin

Urquhart to test if Mr Knight was genuine, the court heard. with Mr Knight's answers to two crucial questions in an . interview in January 1985 - about his commmitment to becoming a Christian. Mr Barling said it was impossible to remain a member of a

be a Christian. He told the court: "Mr Knight described some aspects of Satanism in relation to its hierarchy and various church people, including a Roman Catholic cardinal. who were highly active in it

Satanic organization and also

and its various ceremonies. Mr Knight "maintained there was a building in London that was the headquarters of the organization" and referred to a ring, chalice, sword and throne among regalia that had to be bought and de-stroyed to release him and thousands of others from the

Devil's control Mr Knight, aged 47, of Dormans Land, Surrey, denies 19 charges of obtaining £203,850 by deception.

He has claimed he needed the money to buy Satanic regalia to free himself from the control of the Devil. But it is alleged that he spent it on high

living, fast cars and women. Mr Barlin said Mr Knight became agitated when ques-uoned about how he could be -a Satanist and a committed · Christian.

"He appeared to find it difficult. He stood up and said something like I have had enough of this' and walked

The trial continues today.

### Hospital write to woman dead 14 years

An investigation was promised yesterday into how a Doncaster hospital sent a letter to a woman, 14 years after she died, telling her no bed was yet available.

Her widower. Mr Dennis Eyre of Bentley, South York-shire has demanded an apolo-

Mrs Sylvia Eyre died from leukaemia in 1972, aged 39. She had been waiting for a bed at Doncaster Royal Infirmary when she was admitted at short notice and died

Mr Eyre, a retired machine setter, said yesterday. "I was shocked when the letter came through the post. Time heals but this brought it all back."

A hospital spokesman said the letter would have been sent out as part of an annual check.

### **Families** get wreck libel cash

IN FAVOUR DON'T KNOW - AGAINST

The families of the eight crewmen who died when the freighter Union Star sank off Land's End in December 1981, along with the Penlee lifeboat

are to share substantial High Court fibel damages. The tragedy also claimed the lives of the eight-man crew of the lifeboat Solomon

Mr Richard Walker, comsel for Union Transport (London), owners of the Union Star, told Mr Justice Boreham yesterday that many of the reports were speculative and

maccurate. tions in the Daily Mirror, Daily Mail, Daily Star, The Guardian, the Daily Express and Lloyd's List were false and the six publications apologized

They agreed to pay the undisclosed damages and all legal costs. Mr Walker said that Union

Transport had requested that the damages should be given to a fund for the families of the Union Star's crew.

in the next 10 years, according

to a survey completed by MORI for Philips, the Europe-

an consumer electronics firm.

with the Ideal Home Exhibi-

tion in London, shows that

microwave ovens, video recorders/disc players and

cordless telephones will be

commonplace within a de-

Satellite television and flat

screen televisions - which can

be easily moved - will be

standard equipment, the sur-

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The study which coincides

### Technical graduate shortfall

and for those who start young

One in four regular smokers

next year as a non-smoker.

But the Tobacco Advisory

Council yesterday claimed

health of non-smokers was

Publishing its own assess

ment of the scientific evi-dence, it said that banning

smoking in public places or at

work "simply cannot be justi-fied on health grounds".

· Unions and management at

John Player, the Nottingham-

based tobacco company, yes-

terday attacked a smoking ban

planned by city councillors because the firm provides

work for 3,200 people

10 to 15 years.

By Lucy Hodges **Education Correspondent** 

The market for graduates is booming but the number of students passing degree courses, including those in key disciplines such as electrical and electronic engineering, is falling, according to the Institute of Manpower Studies at

Sussex University.

That means that companies will have difficulty recruiting graduates in key technological areas, the institute says.

The number of electrical/ electronic evgineers graduating will fall from a peak of 2,305 in 1984 to fewer than 2,000 this year. Engineering and technology graduates will fall from 8,694 to 7,889.

. Mr Richard Pearson, the institute's associate director, said the Government's change of emphasis to engineering and technology subjects should boost supply by 25 per cent, but that could be undermined by a shortage of suit-able students with A level mathematics and physics.

ics market but the survey is

one of the first indicators that

the consumer has similar ex-

professional/managerial peo

more likely to expect comput-

erized purchase of goods and

services", the survey said.

(men), 9(women) (men), 13 (women) - rises to one third among the

42 (because this is the only volume con sumer product in homes the figure is adjusted. Video recorder penetration is expected to be about 75 per cent in a decade).

Men tend to have higher

British set to get more

time-saving gadgets

Home owners in Britain are Retailers and manufactur-

pectations.

prepared to buy plenty of ers have predicted such a time-saving electronic devices growth in the home electron-

Consumers' expectations in 10 years

# Sex case of terror'

Tony Bromwich, an appren-tice, aged 19, garrotted and sexually attacked a number of women during a five-week reign of terror, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court

Seven women, aged be-tween 15 and 33, were at-tacked in north and east London between March and May last year.

Five were approached from behind with a length of rope or flex and "pressure expertly applied sufficient to make the girls unconscious or semi conscious and rendering them incapable of resisting his sexual advance". Mr Michael Sayers, for the prosecution, told the jury.

Mr Bromwich, an appren

tice print finisher, of Buxton Road, Upper Holloway, north London, denies attempting to choke women with intent to commit indecent assaults; malicious wounding indecent assault and assault

aspirations than women re-Mr Bromwich was caught garding advanced electronics by police when he was closing "Those with the highest in on an eighth victim, Mr expectations of all are Sayers said. Officers found a length of cord in his pocket. ple, and those currently aged 15-24. They are almost twice When his home was searched another short cord was found as likely to expect compact by his bedside. disc players, and 50 per cent Mr Sayers said that the attacks took place late at night

or at the end of the working day. "In some cases violent injuries resulted". One victim, a dance teachr, aged 24, was three and ahalf months pregnant. "She felt a sensation like an electric shock as she went to get into attempted rape, the lift of her block of flats and Mr Roy Aml

lost consciousness. After the attack the top of her finger needed to be stitched back. "Four weeks later she miscarried. In medical opinion it could well be as a result of this attack", Mr Sayers said. The trial continues today.

The state of the s

# **Arts Council gives** grant increases

will go to regional arts associa-

tions.

The Arts Council is to give many of its clients grant increases of around 4 per cent in the next financial year dispelling some of the gloom which has been expressed by companies during the past

Many feared that they would be unlikely to receive more than 2 or 3 per cent increases, though the increases announced yesterday will still not meet inflation.

The Royal Opera House, the council's biggest single client, will see its grant increased by 4 per cent to nearly £13.1 million. The Royal Shakespeare Company will

Grants for the remaining two national companies, the National Theatre and the English National Opera, bave not yet been announced. Along with other companies in areas affected by the abolition of metropolitan authorities, their support is still under discussion by the Arts Council and the district councils which will takeover from the authorities next month.

The new grants make the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Siofonietta the first orchestral company to receive more than £1 million also receive a 4 per cent rise in Arts Council subsidy. Its taking it's grant to £5.197 grant rises from £973,500 to million, and similar increases £1.012,500.

### Lady in lake sex killers jailed for life

Two sex killers, identified by tiny flakes of paint on their clothes, were jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the "lady in the lake" murder of Lisa Jerome. aged 25,

Gary Lombardn, aged 22, of Pathfield Road, Streatham, and Christopher Lillington, aged 22, of Tulsemere Road, West Norwood, both south London, were found guilty of the murder last April. Lombardo was also sentenced to 15 years for rape and Lillington to seven years for

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said Miss Jerome was seized from her flat at Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham, and driven to Crystal Palace park where the pair helped each other in brutal rape attacks. Because Miss Jerome knew Lombardo they decided to murder her.

# **Praying** 'beheaded'

Two men were hacked to death with swords as they lay side by side reciting the Lord's Prayer in an east London restaurant, a jury at the Cen-tral Criminal Court heard yesterday.

They were killed on S Valentine's Day in 1984, but their bodies have never been found, Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, said. He told the jury that the victims, David Elmore, aged

35, a public house "bouncer", and James Waddington, aged 38, a stonemason, were beheaded and their bodies probably dumped in the sea. He said that Mr Elmore

began to pray aloud as he lay tied up and dying in the Kaleli restaurant in Station Parade, Barking, east London. It was alleged, for the prosecution, that when he reached the phrase "Thy will be done"

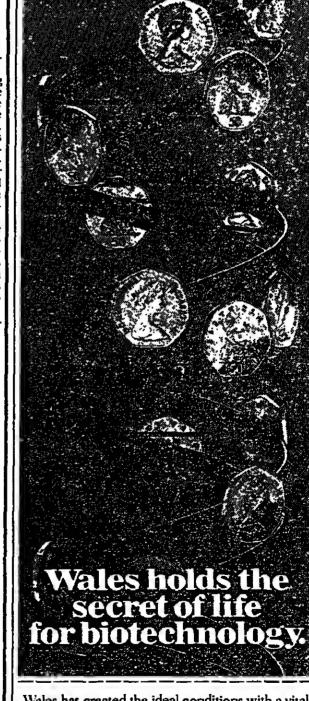
one of his alleged attackers,

Ronald Reader, remarked:

"You're dead right son, you will be done." Mr Reader, aged 44, a huilder, of Cornwallis Road, Dagenham, east London, denies the murders of Mr Elmore, of Gail Street, Dagenham, and Mr Waddington, of

Bradfield Drive, Barking Mr Green told the jury that the second man said to have been involved in the sword attacks was David Maxwell. aged 41, a club steward, who was tried at the court in January last year and cleared by a jury of both murders.

The trial continues today.



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### Children learn royal recipe for health By Tim Jones

A group of primary school children A group of primary school children have discovered one of the Princess of Wales's secrets for keeping sline. Away from the protein-packed banquets which they attend, it appears that the Princess and her husband favour a simple diet which is low on fat and high on nutrition.

Thinks manife from the County Ventor

Thirty papils from the Grove Junior School in Pembroke were delighted to receive a recipe from the royal couple as part of a project for Heartbeat Wales, the campaign to help to stamp out heart disease and encourage healthy living. To eat like a princess, health conscious nibblers need 350 grammes of wholemeal noodles and four or five lecks

chopped and sauted in oil. Add them to

vegetable stock with a small amount of curry powder for extra pep and bake with a sprinkling of grated cheese on top. The result is a tasty casserole. Mr Ian Jones, the headmaster, said yesterday: "You can imagine the excitement in class I when a letter arrived

from Buckingham Palace on headed Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil innock also favour vegetables for their health diets. The Prime Minister snggested spring soup with watercress and leeks, while the Labour leader favoured layered summer vegetables baked in a casserole, followed by plenty of exercise. Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party

leader, preferred cauliflower cheese made with wholemeal flour and then lots of swimming and walking to aid

In keeping, perhaps, with the image of his party, Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, came up with the most exotic offering - spinach and lemon mousselines with avocade.

Mr Terry Wogan submitted a recipe all four sides covered in skin.

for chip sandwiches using wholemeal bread. The chips, he said, should be fried in polyunsaturated oil with the skins left on the potatoes to avoid soaking up the oil. The children will have to discover how to make chips with PARLIAMENT March 5 1986

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### **LEYLAND**

There was no question of the reopening of talks with Ford about a possible takeover of Austin Rover, Mr Paul Channon. Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, made clear in the Commons. If there are any rumours about that (he went ont I disown and reject

He was replying to Mr Jnhn Smith, chief Opposition spokes-man on trade and industry, who drew attention to a speech in Geneva on Tuesday in which Mr Bob Lutz, chairman of Ford of Europe, said that Ford was willing to restart talks about a ossible takeover of Austin

Mr Smith demanded a crystal clear guarantee that throughout the lifetime of this Government there would be no talks by it or BL on its instructions with Ford about disposal of the Austin

Rover group.

Mr Channon, in a statement on
British Leyland, recalled that an invitation was extended to interested parties to declare by March 4 a firm intention to make a bid for one or more of the Land Rover, Freight Rover, Leyland Trucks and related

He reported that appropriate BL's hankers by Schroder Ven-tures on behalf of some institutions and certain members of BL management in respect of Land Rover, Range Rover and Freight Rover, by Lonrho in respect of Land Rover and Range Rover, and by Aveling Barford in respect of Land Rover only

General Motors had also confirmed their intention to make a bid for Land Rover, Range Rover, Freight Rover and Leyiand Trucks.
The Laird Group and Aveling

Barford were each in discussions with BL regarding the ac-quisition of Leyland Bus for which proposals on behalf of certain members of the management were also expected.

Discussions in relation to

Leyland Bus were taking place over a slightly different timescale from those concerning other Land Rover-Leyland busistatement to the House on these n due course.

Mr Channoa continued: The BL board are giving careful consideration to all the proposals received on or before March 4 and 1 hope to have their recommendations shortly.

The board and the Government remain anxious to end the present uncertainty surrounding these businesses as soon as possible in the interests of the companies, management and workforce and their dealers and

Announcing the forthcoming change in the chairmanship of BL, he said Sir Austin Bide's appointment as chairman was chairman until a convenient moment for his retirement was

Sir Austin had agreed to remain as chairman until decisions had been made on the future of the main Land Rover-Leyland businesses. This would represent the start of a new phase in the development of BL. Mr Channon said that on his nomination, the BL board pro-Day, present chairman of Brit-ish Shipbuilders, to join the board and become full-time chairman of BL at a date to be determined. He was appointing Mr Phillip Hares, the present deputy chief executive and board member for finance of the corporation, to succeed Mr Day

as chairman of BS. Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, declared amid loud Labour cheers that as this tangled web became more confusing and complex, it was clear the Government should never have departed from the concept of BL remaining an integrated and public sector

approached General Motors in August 1984 and that for 18 months GM had been able to consider and negotiate their position while all other bidders had been given little more than

20 days.

Does not that indicate the asked) that the Government is already predisposed to sell the lot to GM? What is the limescale? Is it correct, as widely rumoured, that the Government is imposing a timescale under which the whole operation has to be completed at the end of

Given the fact that the only bidders for Leyland Trucks are GM, does not that put the Government in a hopeless situa-tion whereby GM is able to say to the Government that it insists on acquiring Land Rover as a condition for acquiring Leyland Trucks as well? How could any sensible Government put itself into such a bopeless bargaining

After this asset striping what would the chairman of BL be chairman of? Ought he not to be called chairman of Austin

isfied people had had adequate time to put in firm indicators. They would consider them care fully on their merits and there ment having made up its mind



Channon: Careful study of all bids

Mr Michael Grylls (North West Surrey, C) said BL was quite a desirable package and it was good to have several different bidders to choose from. But the Government was an longer a good owner because of the considerable sums of capital investment which would be needed to keep the organization n the international market. The Government would always have more pressing demands on the money - for bospitals and

money - for bospitals and schools for instance. The sooner these firms were returned to the private sector the better it would be for the firms and workers. Mr Channon agreed. British Leyland was to a better state now than it had been under Labour. Large sums of capital investment were required for some parts of BL for it to ernment was trying to secure the long-term future of these in-dustries and the jobs in them. Mr David Steel Leader of the Liberal Party,said he spoke yesterday with management and

shop stewards at Land Rover. What formal consultations (he asked) will there be with the 8,000 employees about their future before decisions are taken. While we all appreciate that in terms of making a fast buck, or of short term employ-ment, the case for selling the whole thing to General Motors must seem attractive to the Government, in terms of the long run in design, menufacturing and engineering capacity
of this country it is worthwhile taking a bit longer and trying to find British-based solutions for

each division. Mr Channon said Mr David Andrews, chairman of Land Rover-Levland, had made clear that he was anxious for a quick solution because he felt it damaging for the uncertainty to

drag on.
I do not agree with Mr Steel (he said) that we should take a solution which is long time. We want to take a long-term interest.

### Recycled grant may cut rate demands

LOCAL SPENDING

the indications of interest.

Consultation with the work

Consultation with the workers was a matter for the companies. They had said they were
informing their workforce
continually and would continue
doing so. The Minister for
industry (Mr Peter Morrison)
had received deputations from
the workforces and the trade

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unions.
Mr Tereace Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab)
asked for confirmation that

Freight Rover had consistently

made a profit on the manufac-ture and sale of Sherpa vans, while General Moiors was mak-

ing a loss on its van operations in this country. Freight Rover was selling more vans than GM

For GM 10 take over Freight Rover would be a loser taking

over a winner.

Nr Channon said the situation at Land Rover UK Ltd in 1983, before interest and tax, was a loss of £14½ million. In 1984, there was a small profit of £24.

noss of 2147 minion. In 1754 there was a small profit of £2.4 million. For the first half of 1985, before interest and tax, there was a profit of £5.7

Taking certain considerations

into account Freight Rover was more profitable than Land

Mr John M. Taylor (Solihull,C)

said not only the biggest bid for Land Rover should be consid-ered. Would all factors be taken

into account? Mr Channon:Yes, we are trying

to seek the best long-term future for the companies and for jobs.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours
(Workington, Lab) asked
whether it was true that the
chairman of Laird had written
to the chairman of British

Leyland saying that the only basis on which they would take

over would be if the Workington

and Lowestoft plants were

closed and Faringdon was re-

duced and retained?
Will he rule out that option

today? Will he give an assurance that, in the event of a manage-

ment buy-out being submitted, and being fully funded, it will be

given maximum consideration by his department and that if it is not fully funded, it will be

rreated as a new corporate plan and as an option for Leyland Buses being retained in public

Mr Channon: We shall consider

any properly funded manage-ment buy-out proposals for Leyland Buses. I understand

that Laird have given a prelimi-nary view tp British Leyland of their proposals. Nothing final

has been proposed and we shall

consider the proposals on their merits and on the criterion of

what is best for the long-term Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): We

should not be preoccupied with

a quick buck and a fast sell-out but with the long-term interests

of our manufacturing compa-nies. Were there no British industrialists who would have

had the manufacturing experi-ence (for chairmanship) instead

the Atlantic? There are good

people in this country who have the confidence of West Mid-

nies. Why a chairman from

British citizen who comes from

or of the whole of Leyland.

He also condemned the dis-

missal of two works convenors by British Leyland.

overseas?

manufacturing compa-

in Britain

It was clear that the pool of grant to be recycled in 1986-87 was going to be some £500 million. Mrs Angela Rumbold. Under Secretary of State for the Environment, sald in n Commons statement. That meant the grant gains would be bigger than those illustrated in January and that authorities would get more grant than they had assumed. She said the DOE had written to all authorities telling them the amonat of extra grant they would receive from that amount of recycling, in addition to their grant entitlement under the RSG

Councils will now know (she said) the size of their grant entitlement more clearly and this will allow them to make n lower call oa their ratepayers. Where the rate making has not been completed, she hoped MPs would arge their local authori-ties to revise their rating plans. Rate lucreases should be no higher than absolately nec

Lah), for the Opposition: Does she expect that any shire authorchaage that any sare authority which has set its rate will chaage that decision and if so by how much? Yesterday's announcement and today's are no more than a cheap and highly misleading public relations stunt by minister

icked by high rate rises Tory shires.
Mrs Rumbold: I would have thought he would at least have the grace to welcome the announcement, simply because it gives local authorities a greater certainty. There is still ome for shire counties to re-consider what their rate levels will be. In the light of this information we hope that those sbire counties that take a pessimistic view will come back and reconsider the submissions

they are making. Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab): The Government has come to the rescue of local anthorities like Sefton, who had made a deficit budget and were set to do a Liverpool and break the law. This miserly amount will not make a significant difference. Mrs Rumbold: As to the authorities proposing to make a higher rate than they had hoped

to make, this announcement will

make all the difference to what

they do and has been greatly welcomed by those very authorities.

As a result of the decision made by the High Court to uphold the surcharge on Lambeth and Liverpool councillors
they could face disqualification in the middle of the local elections campaign in May, Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lah) said in the Commons when unsuccessfally applying for an emergency debate on the subject.

# Sovereignty still not open for negotiation

end we have taken step after step, none of which have been

met by any parallel response from the other side.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-

Tweed, L): Many of us who met the Argentinians found them to

be a constructive and coura-geous group of people. Their unwillingness to have a meeting

with ministers was quite under-standable because of the view

that would have been taken of

He is dealing with a democracy, not a dictatorship. When

ship he was prepared to give away sovereignty. He should

aow be prepared at least to have it on the agenda.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: No. There

were no strings whatsoever to the offer made to meet them to

explain to them we will act negotiate sovereignty. We

statement on that.

vould have listened to their

We welcomed the restoration

of democracy in Argentina. We

have taken steps to support the Argentine economy and to help

that democracy. Bin it would be quite unhelpful to offer unrealis-

Although democracy has re-turned, the fact that makes a

fundameatal difference is the

invasion of the islands. It is

quite unreasonable to expect us to put the clock back before the

invasion as if that had not

tic goals on sovereignty.

was dealing with a dictator-

that in Argentina.

### THE FALKLANDS

The British Government had aken step after step in an effort to establish more aormal rela-uons with Argentina but none of these steps had been met with a Hewe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

He repeated the

Government's refusal to nego-tiate oa the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands and stressed the importance of the wishes of the islanders themselves. Mr William McKelvey (Kilmaraock and Loudourn, Lab) said it was about time Britain re-established full diplomatic rela-

tions with Argentina and talked

about sovereignty with a view to reaching an bonourable settle-ment so that the cost of muintaining "Fortress Falklands" could be reduced. rankands could be reduced.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: He offers a
misguidedly simple insight. We
want to move towards more
normal relations with Argentina. It was for that reason Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, offered to meet the Argenonian parliamentarians when they were

He would have explained to them that while we are unprepared to negotiate sov-ereignty he was prepared to hear them state their position and make clear our wish to see more

**HOUSE OF LORDS** 

The biggest obstacle in the way of the Government's belief in wider share ownership was that

60 per cent of the population had not got the money to buy them, Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) said during question time in the House of Lords.

If the Government wants to

ease the way of obtaining shares (he said) the easiest way of

acquiring them is to have the money, then it is quite simple. But the majority of people do not have the resources because

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under

reply to a question on whether it would encourage the Stock Ex-

change to make share dealing easier for the individual: The

### Majority too Need for look poor to buy at law on charities shares

All was not well with the operation of the law on charities and there was a case for the Government setting up a wide ranging royal commission to examine it. Lord Allen of Abbeydale (Ind) suggested when opening a dehate on the subject in the House of Lords.

However, a commission would take a long time and his personal experience showed there was no guarantee the Government would even read the report when published. Charity law had been described as a morass into which no Government would lightly

the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. With their present resources, the Charity Commissioners could not do all they would like to do. He suggested the possibil-ity of calling in outside manage-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had said earlier in ment consultants to advise whether the available resources were being employed to the best advantage and to assess how Government believes in a property owning democracy in the widest sense. extra resources might best be

# Howe welcome for move to lift emergency laws

### SOUTH AFRICA

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, welcomed in the Commons at question time President Botha's announced President Botha's announced intention to lift South Africa's state of emergency. I hope (he said) that action will help ease the tension and assist the promotion of the dialogue which is so urgently needed. Mr Robert Litherland (Manchester Central, Lab): Has be seen the article in today's Guardian which states that the Prime Minister has personally blocked the Bernaudan govern-

blocked the Bermudan govern-ment from introducing limited sanctions against South Africa, even to the extent of importing Krugerrands which at present is being considered by her own Government? This smacks of double standards and a sop to

apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: No. It smacks of precisely the opposite: the perfectly rational conclusion that the decision of this Government in relation to measures taken in respect of South Africa should be uniform not only in the United Kingdom but colonial territories. Mr David Nellist (Coventry

South-East, Lab): Is not his attitude merely finger-wagging at apartheid? With £11,000 million of British investment in South Africa his opposition to economie sanctions has more to do with the profits of British firms being made out of apart-

Sir Geoffrey Howe: If it were left to him to judge these matters it would be more likely to provoke the destruction of the British and South African economies.

it plain that we wish to see apartheid brought quarkly to an end and supporting that by one and supporting that by policies and representations is far more tikely to be effective. Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C): Many of those who call for a policy of serious economic sanctions have not thought through the investigation.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP. When will he make representations against the reporting, something many of us find unacceptable?

Has he made representation in relation to the decision to go ahead with United Nations supervised elections in National in August, that they should not be liaked to the withdrawal of Cuban forces?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: On the first point, we have already made representations expressing our regret. On his second point, we have welcomed the South African government's re-affirma-tion of its commitment to implement UN Security Coun-cil Resolution 435. If that were to be done it would offer an opportunity to make early progress and would reduce tenion throughout the region. Mr Denis Healey, chief Oppo-Mr Denis Healey, chief Oppo-stion spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs. Why has the Government falled to carry out its undertaking at the Commonwealth summit to ban, the import of Krugerrands, es-pecially since the US Admin-istration found no difficulty with GATT in banning Kruger-rands absolutely even before the Commonwealth summit?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We are not the only country which has found it necessary to consider to the disadvantage of the found it necessary to consider people living in both countries.

Our balanced policy of making sale of Krugerrands.

### Freeing of Mandela would help dialogue

The naconditional release of dition of his health and well Nelson Mandela would constitute a major act of national reconciliation in South Africa and could provide the impetus for genuine dialogue and a peaceful settlement. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions.

He was replying to Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) who asked blin to take every opportunity to make clear to the South African government that recoordiation between black and white. Britain should instruct its ambassador to visit Mr the need to bring an end Mandela to establish the con-olence in South Africa.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C): The prerequisite to Mandela's release should be that .. be renounces violence. It is in National Congress that he re-mains incarcerated while they perform their own acts of vi-olence in South Africa and

Sir Geofrey Howe: I cannot -accept his conclusions, although I join him in condemning violence from any quarter. Although the ANC is clearly an important focus of black opinthe continuing incarceration of important focus of black opin-mr Mandela was an affront to important focus of black opin-ion in Sauth Africa, we thought the blacks in that country. His it right to establish official release was a prerequisite to contact with the ANC specifically to stress our commitment to dialogue and impress on them the need to bring an end to all vi-

# Bill aims to combat salmon poaching

### **SALMON BILL**

Mr Channon: I am surprised at his last point. Mr Day is inday a Angling was a multi-million pound industry with salmon angling the most sought after and often most expensive part of the angling scene, Mr John MacKay, Under Secretary of Mr David Nellist (Coventry. South East, Lab): There is overwhelming opposition by trade unionists inside Leyland and among the working people of Coventry, the Midlands and elsewhere, to the selling off to provide a professor whether Mackay, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said when he successfully moved the second reading of the Salmon Bill in the Commons late on Tuesday night. The Bill, which has passed the Lords, represents the private profiteers wheiber American or British, of any part first substantial proposals for salmon legislation for many

lis three main objectives are

Mr Channon: With regret, t think I shall be unable to please administrative arrangements for Mr Nellist ia the negotiation. salmon fishing in Scotland. streamline the arrangements for the regulation of salmon fish-cries and further measures to Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Can he give an unqualified assurance that the combat salmon poaching.

Mr MacKay said there had been Government would prefer a British solution? Mr Channon: We want the solution which is in the best many efforts to quantify the value of salmon angling to Scotland. Figures had been put

variously at between £22 million and £140 million a year. If the true figure was somewhere in the middle that clearly indicated the importance of salmon angling to many parts of rural Scotland. Anglers would continue to come only if they felt they had a reasonable chance of catching fish, and that depended on how well salmon stocks were conserved.

One of the outcomes of rigorous scrutiny of the Bill in the Lords was the inclusion of powers which would enable the introduction of a dealer licens-lng scheme in England and ales.
Poaching was no longer con-

fined to small local operations but carried out on a large and well-organized commercial scale. The Bill's provisions would allow action to be taken against those involved with the outlets for poached salmon and should have a significant effect on the level of poaching by making it more difficult to dispose of illegally caught fish.

The Bill provided for a situation where it would no longer be the case that someone could be in possession of salmon, believing or having reason to suspect that it had been illegally taken, and not be convicted. Hitherto this had been a major gap in the enforcement of salmon tegisla-

tion.
The new provisions struck the right balance, and an essential one, between improving the prospects of convicting those involved in the illegal handling of salmon without introducing measures which could lead to the conviction of innocent peo-

Dealer licensing would be a valuable complement to the new possession offences. It was the intention to have detailed schemes under subordinate legislation brought forward as soon as possible after the enactment of the Bill.

There had been much ill-

informed comment about the role of water bailiffs in the dealer licensing scheme, including the suggestion that they were search dwelling houses. There was no intention of extending the police power of entry and search under the 1982 Act to water bailiffs in the context of salmon dealer licensing.
The Bill committed the Gov-

ernment to a review, three years after enactment of the Bill, of the salmon net fisheries in the north-east of England and in the Scottish east coast salmon fishery districts as far north as the river Ugie.

Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab), for the Oppo-sition, moved an ameodment declining to give the Bill a second reading on the grounds that it would extend the powers and privileges of private propri-etors of salmon fisheries with-out making adequate provision for anglers or for the wider public interest and that it was an inappropriate and inadequate measure to deal with the urgent need to conserve salmon and other fish species and to protect

the environment of rivers and estuaries for the benefit of the whole nation's sporting rec-reational and environmental interests. He said it was amazing that it

should be entrenching the powers of absentee landfords and "." foreign investors while doing practically nothing for local fishing interests. In presenting this Bill the Government had given itself an opportunity to-bring Scottish fresh water fishery legislation into the 21st century, Instead it had opted to stay in the 19th century.

The concept of the private ownership of a wild fish that happened to be swimming in.

waters adjacent to someone's estate was pretty absurd. There was a need for a new type of river authority with genuine representation for all people with legitimate interests. . The amendment was rejected

by 125 votes to 43 - Government majority, 82 The Bill was read a second ...

### Church unity

# Roman authorities in new move on Anglican Orders

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Church announces today that it may soon be ready for an important step towards unity with the Anglican Church. depending on the outcome of the present stage of inter-church negotiations.

It would entail recognition in principle of the validity of Anglican Holy Orders and, therefore, accepting that Anglican priests were priests in the eyes of the Roman Catholie Church.

Refusal of that recognition is one of the biggest problems in the relationship between the two churches, and has always been deeply resented in the Church of England.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, has told the two chairmen of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission that this possi-bility would exist if both churches endorsed the two key doctrinal statements the com-

mission has produced. His carefully worded letter to the chairmen, the Bishop of elements judged wanting in Kensington, the Right Rev 1896, Cardinal Willebraods Mark Santer, and the Roman states in his letter, if agree-Catholic Bishop of Arundel ment was reached on the that Dr Runcie's suggestion and Brighton, the Right Rev central doctrinal points.

The Roman Catholic Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. is

mutual recognition of minis-

Cardinal Willebrands states that agreement by the authori-tics of both churches on a common doctrine of priest-hood and Eucharist (Holy Communion and the Mass) would "change the context" in which the Roman Catholic Church approached the question of the validity of Anglican

According to a judgement made by Pope Leo XIII in 1896, Anglican Holy Orders are "absolutely null and unerly void".

The Bull received a dignified but stinging rejoinder from the Archbishops of Can-terbury and York at the time. Since then the Roman Catholic Church has refused officially to regard the Anglican Holy Communion service as a valid

celebration of the Eucharist The Anglican ordinal "might no longer retain" the

The cardinal's letter is publisbed today.

He urged their commission to pursue a joint study of the difficulties in the way of the difficulties in the way of the ordinastrain because of the ordina-tion of women in the Anglican Communion. The joint commission of the two churches is also commencing a study of the women priests issue. The Archbishop of Canter-

bury. Dr Robert Runcie, is said to have suggested to the Pope that the churches should together set up a new study of the ordination of women. The Roman Catholic re-

sponse appears to be that this should be dealt with by the existing international commission, perhaps with additional experts joining it, and that the principle of ordaining women is not open for negotiation on the Roman side.

The commission would. therefore. limit its study of the matter to its effect on ecumenical relations, not whether women should be priests. The commission would try to decide whether the "obstacle" created by women priests on the Anglican side was surmountable, or decisive.

So far it does not appear has been accepted.



to the Dr Barnardo's family day centre in Hull yesterday.

# **BBC** plans breakfast TV changes

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to relaunch its early morning programme Breakfast Time in October as part of plans for a daytime television service.

The programme, which won an audience lead over TV-am when the two were launched in 1983 but for the last year has come second in the ratings, will be given a "harder edge".

and the development of due to leave it later this year.
running stories, Mr Peter
Pagnamenta, BBC TV's head

Mr Michael Grade, Controller of BBC1, said: "This is of current affairs, said yesterday.

Breakfast Time will be shortened slightly and its less topical features placed in the new daytime schedules which remain secret.

Frank Bough, the original presenter, is expected to front the relaunched programme. It will concentrating more Selina Scott, the other pre- and the Especifically on the day's news senter from its first days, is 1.5 million.

Mr Michael Grade, Con-troller of BBC1, said: This is the first part of an exciting new all-day package of news, current affairs, information and entertainment which will be announced in detail later

this year."

Current viewing figures for TV-am and Breakfast Time usually show the commercial station with a weekday peak audience of about 2.5 million and the BBC with about

### Ship hire frauds hit owners

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Ship owners are losing millions of pounds through fraud and malpractice from charter-ers who hire ships then refuse british owners have suf-fered badly and some bave been driven out of business by

The problem is international, however, with Japan, the US and Italy particular trouble areas as depressed freight markets, in which ship owners are desperate for work, prove happy hunting grounds for charterers to engage a ship for moving their cargo, then refuse to pay the ship owner

bad debts.

his proper costs.

The problem was described yesterday by Intercargo, the London-based association of world-wide ship owners, as epidemic proportions".

Often the claims and counter claims become so complicated that the ship owner concludes that the legal costs of fighting the case would be more than the eventual compensation. He settles for less to get anything

Crooked charterers are often difficult to detect in brokers lists. When detected as persistent offenders, they tend to vanish and reappear under another name

at all.

### Scots fear: Spanish fishermen -

By George Hill

Spain's entry to the Europe-an Community is likely to create a need for greater fishery protection vigilance in -British waters, the Commons Scottish Affairs Committee said yesterday. Spain's accession reinforces

the need for prompt replace. ment of an ageing fishery protection ship and for Scottish courts to impose heavier fines on offenders, a committee report says, quoting the Scottish fisheries department as alleging that Spanish vessels were "notorious law-breakers".

Irisb and Norwegian courts impose fines of £30,000 or more, while the highest penal- ... ty imposed by a Scottish court between 1980 and 1984 was -£18.000.

£18.000.

The Scottish Fishermen's Federation is afraid that Spain's accession might lead to two vessels fishing with the same licence, it being handed over in mid-passage.

The report calls for monofilament net, which is almost my sible in use, to be barned in all United Kimesom coastal.

in all United Kingsom coastal and EEC waters, and urges investigation investigation into legally protecting lobsters,

Fisheries Protection. Second Report from the Scottish Affairs
Committee (HoC 2374, Statuoner) Office: £3 50).

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### THE TIMES THURSDAT MAKER 0 1700

# Philippines Communist leaders released as President keeps her promise

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# Aquino frees four hardened killers

From Michael Hamlyn, Manila

Four bardened killers, leaders of a bitter Communist insurgency, were released last night by the new Government of Mrs Corazon Aquino to fulfil her campaign promise that all political prisoners of the Marcos regime should be

The four were each released into the custody of prominent citizens, including the President's mother-in-law, so that they would not disappear as soon as the freedom order was given.

Neverthelesss, the instruction was the subject of what the President's spokesman, Mr Rene Saguisag, called a vigorous exchange of views" between himself, a former human rights lawyer, and the minister who chairs the Commission for Good Government, on the one side, and the Minister of Defence, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and the forces chief of staff. General Fidel Ramos, on the other.

The two on the military side said that the release of the detainees would increase the difficulties of dealing with

the capture of the rebels.

that the campaign promise of the special of the campaign promise was a pledge that must be redeemed, and that the releases was the best way of dealing with insurgency. The insurgents had taken to the hills because of their unrelated along with the rebels Mrs. Aquino has offered. She has solved grievances against the Marcos took power.

Marcos took power. said. However many there

Marcos's rule." have been freed. Any remain- with justification. of some criminal charge, but even they will be freed soon, Mr Saguisag said, if it can be characteristic to the same characteristic to the same consistency of the same characteristic to the same consistency of the same con shown that their crimes have a political content.

chairman of the central committee of the banned Communist Party; Mr Bernabe Marcos men evened the tally Buscayno, also known as by killing their opponents. communist insurgency, and commander Dante, com- During the "people power" that the armed forces would be mander-in-chief of the com- revolution that brought Mrs discouraged because they munist-led New People's Aquino to power, when un-

The loss of the headquarters

incidents which military

sources say underline the Mo-

zambique Army's ineptitude

as a fighting force and its complete lack of back-up to

The description of the offensive against the guerrillas as a "joint operation" is evidently used solely for pro-

ocol purposes.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the

Prime Minister who is also chairman of the Zimbabwe

-security forces'-National Joint

Operational Command and

for anti-Rhodesian guerrillas.

that there is little sense in continuing to fight on its Losses suffered by the joint forces on the present eightmonth offensive have not been disclosed but they are not believed to be heavy, apart

the Zimbabweans.

would not feel there was any Army, and Mr Alexander further point in working for Birondo and Mr Ruben Alegre, respectively the head and The civilian side insisted a member of the special

solved grievances against the also called for a six-month

The fact that not all of the there were no rebels at all," he by a vicious attack on a police party by rebel forces in which are now is entirely due to Mr 15 security men died. Other killings continue to be attrib-More than 500 detainees uted to them - not always

former Marcos men. Before the events of February observ-The four released yesterday ers had noted an increase in were Mr Jose Maria Sison, the number of political scores heing settled by gun-play after the election, as disappointed



Cardinal Sin of the Philippines, pictured on his arrival at the Filipino College in Rome yesterday. He is doe to meet the Pope

stopped. However, the feeling now is that they will shortly start again, particularly since the new order is cutting away at ment Minister. Mr Aquilino new order is cutting away at ment Minister, Mr Aquilino the sources of power of the old Pimentel. Mr Pimentel is in by arbitrarily sacking provincial governors and municipal Joseph of the new government mayors. It is replacing them — the chief theoretician and mayors. It is replacing them with school masters and law-yers, who mainly do not even helong to the Unido party of the Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel, who is a political

guns and tanks, the killings guard could recognize. Rather, stopped. they are members of the some sense the Sir Keith most single-minded executor of policies.

The extent of the arms being stored is indicated by those defence of the most minor being seized from Marcos concerns Vesterd

man of the former president, whose premises were raided at the weekend, was shown to have hidden a Japanese machine gun, a Thompson sub machine gun, a machine carbine, a rifle and 30 sniper rifles, tour bullet-proof vests and ammunition.

And this society is not afraid to use guns in the

armed civilians confronted leader of a style that the old leaders who have fled the ample, it was reported that a guns and tanks, the killings guard could recognize. Rather, country. Mr Eduardo company of soldiers stormed they are members of the Cojuanco, for example a kins- into a Quezon City police station with a machine gun and automatic rifles and released two colleagues who had been taken in for shooting at beer bottles floating in a hotel swimming pool.

> On the same day one man killed another over the ownership of a pair of socks, and a robbery victim was shot dead in broad daylight in a busy part of the capital.

### Split in right may aid Nato vote

From Richard Wigg

Madrid Signs of a break in the ranks of Spain's opposition parties emerged yesterday which could help Senor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, to win next week's Nato referen-

dum (). A conservative woman MP told Seoor Mannel Fraga, the right-wing Opposition leader, that "the issue is too serious

for party politics." Defying party instructions to ashstain, Senora Victoria Fernandez-España, publicly aonounced that she woold be voting "Yes" alongside the Socialists for staying in the

Atlantic Alliance. She alone among the 106 MPs led by Señor Fraga cut through the Opposition's tactics aimed at using the referendum to inflict maximum political damage on Senor González.

Señor José Ardanza, Chief Minister of the Basque autonomoos government and a lead-er of the smatt Basque Nationalist Party, said yesterday he would also vote "Yes". Senora Fernandez-España indicated yesterday that she would resign from Senor Fraga's party."I could not carry on in a party which asks its 200,000 members to ahstain". she said.

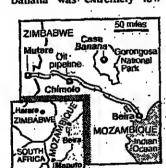
# Harare rethink on Mozambique war

From Jan Raath, Harare

Zimbabwe's Cabinet has and that they had received no met to consider its decision to supplies for three weeks. assistthe Government of Mozambique in its war against has prompted Zimhabwe to South African-backed guerril- rethink the Mozambican offensive. Mr Ernest Kadungure, the Minister of State for Defence, was to report to the Cabinet on las after a big military let-

It was revealed last week that a costly but successful assault on the Casa Banana headquarters of the Mozambique National Resistance by commandos of the Zimbabwe National Army, had been rendered fittle by Mozam-bique troops. The troops, left to defend the headquarters, which was taken in September, fled in disarray in mid-February abandoning an extensive array of Zimbabwean weaponry in the face of a counter-offensive by

some 400 guerrillas. Journalisis at Chimolo; the the Minister of Defence, will headquarters of the estimated have to decide whether to tell Mozambique, were told last Machel, which suffered acute distress during Zimbahama Mozambique troops at Case Banana was extremely low



from the death in January of the highly respected com-mander of the Mozambique operation. However, diplomatic sources estimate the operation is costing possibly £450,000 a day.

village leaders Colombo (Renter) - Tamil separatist guerrillas have kidnapped about 100 village officials in Sri Lanka's northern city of Jaffna.

Tamil rebels

kidnap

Residents said the officials, known as Grama Sevakas, were walking to Jaffna Fort, the military base, to meet the northern security force's commander when guerrillas forced them into vans and drove themaway:

No reason was given for the abductions but the residents said the guerrillas, fighting for a separate state for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community, opposed any dialogue between the officials, who were all Tamils, and the military

Spectators die as rally car skids off road

Estoril (Reuter) - The opening run in the Portuguese Motor Rally was cancelled yesterday after two spectators were killed and about 30 injured when a car skidded into the crowd at a sharp bend.

The rally was to start again later in the day from the Estoril autodrome near Lis-bon. Officials said the 95-mile opening section would be dropped and contestants

would begin the second sec-tion of the first stage.

A woman aged 36 and her son aged nine were killed by the car driven by Joaquim Santos of Portugal. Police said spectators spilling on to the road had apparently caused Santos to lose control. He was

# Spacecraft poised to probe comet's secrets

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

1. the first of four spacecraft heading for Halley's Comet. are being analysed by Soviet scientists.

The photographs were scrutinized in gathering excite-ment in Russia and Western Europe as one of the most ambitious experiments in space astronomy approached

Vega I makes its fly-by of the comet today at a distance of 6,000 to 8,000 miles. Next Thursday the European Giotto craft, built by British Aerospace, will travel through the object's tail to relay pictures and measurements back to Earth from within 300 miles

of the mysterious nucleus. The Russians will obtain a second set of observations from Vega 2 on Saturday, on a hight planned to skirt the comet even more closely. That flight will have a companiona Japanese craft which will

Pictures received from Vega make observations as passses within 60,000 miles. Under an agreement between the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the European Space Agency for exchange of data; the two Vega craft are providing pathfinder information. Before Giotto makes its rendezvous at midnight on March 13, the first vehicles arriving this week should tell the European scientists more precisely when their craft will feel the shock of the comet and begin to encounter bombard-

ment from particles. The latest photographs show there are four tails trailing behind the comer. Only two had been seen

Astronomers are excited about the prospect of obtaining detailed analyses of the tails and nucleus as comets are believed to comprise the oldest undisturbed material of the solar system.

it is reported that the February which we've just endured was the second coldest this century.

The fact that Britain didn't freeze up and seize up was due in no small measure to British Gas.

Gas provides nearly sixty per cent of all the energy we use in our homes. That's three times more than any other fuel. And when the coldest weather comes, demand for gas can be up to five times higher than in summer. Which is something British Gas has to be prepared for. And is.

With more and more people turning to gas (we've added over two and a half million customers in the last ten years), British Gas scientists and engineers have come up with some ingenious solutions

Many millions of pounds have been invested (from British Gas' own resources)

in massive storage projects: such as using a partially depleted North Sea gas field as a giant reservoir to store gas for winter use, and in creating large underground caverns in the salt strata of the Humberside coast to act as huge gas holders.

These are just some of the ways to the problem of sudden, heavy demand in which British Gas uses its ingenuity and energy to keep Britain going in the coldest weather.

But then, energy is our business.





Dil in lied

Sweden prepares for Prime Minister's funeral

# Police work late on photofit of assassin

working late into the night yesterday to huild a picture of the face of the man who assassinated Mr Olof Palme. the Swedish Prime Minister.

They were working with what was claimed to be the world's most sophisticated photofit machine. flown in earlier yesterday from

Weisbaden in West Germany. They hoped to build the picture from various descriptions and a sketch drawn hy an artist with a memory for faces who had seen the fleeing man. A copy of the woman's

sketch has been sent to West Germany for checking against pictures of local terrorists as suspicions harden that the murder may have been carried out by the Red Army Faction. successors to the Baader Meinhof gang which blew up the West German embassy in Stockholm in 1975.

A second description being used to help huild the photofit is that given by Mr Palme's son, Marten, aged 27, of a man in a cap who followed his father on the night of the

Mr Claes Palme, a lawyer and brother to the dead Swedish leader, said Marten saw the man when he came out of the einema where he and his parents had been watching a

The man wore a cap similar to that described by other witnesses as being worn by the assassin. He was staring into a

shop window, "Marten wasn't particularly surprised. He has, of course, seen the same sort of thing before. There were many people who became eurious when they saw Olof and who followed him just to get a closer arranging the funeral, and

ident Botha that he intends to

lift the state of emergency in

force in parts of South Africa,

probably from today, has left

unanswered many key ques-

tions about how the Govern-

ment proposes to handle

The Deputy Minister of

Information, Mr Louis Nel,

told The Times that the

special restrictions on televi-

sion and press coverage im-

posed on November 2 would

lapse automatically with the

we can maintain those restrie-

tions and that is io terms of

the emergency. It follows,

therefore, that when the emer-

gency is lifted, the restrictions

vill automatically fall away."

Howeever, the Minister of

Law and Order. Mr Louis Le

Grange, was reported by the

political correspondent of The Star of Johannesburg, as say-

ing that curbs on media

coverage would not automati-

He was also reported to have said that the lifting of the

emergency would not neces-

sarily mean that people de-

tained under its provisions

would be released, nor that

police and troops would im-

mediately be withdrawn from

November 2 prohibit the tak-

ing of any television or other

films, or sound recordings, of

unrest in those magisterial

districts where the emergency

is in force without the permis-

sion of the Commissioner of

The restraints on writing

iournalists are less severe.

They can still engage in on-

the-spot reporting of unrest in

emergency areas, but have to

report to the local police

Legally, these particular re-

The press curbs imposed on

Mr Nel said.

cally be removed.

black townships.

officer in charge.

There is only one way that

internal security thereafter.

**Doubts on lifting** 

Pretoria curbs

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The announcement by Pres- strictions will have to lapse

to security.

look at him." the lawyer said. The getaway car used by the assassin is now thought to have been a hlue Volkswagen

The owners of 20 such cars. with number plates similar to that noted by a taxi driver of a speeding car heading north from the central city area, have been interviewed by police. Another 10 are still to be located.

The getaway vehicle had stood with its engine ruoning waiting for the assassin. But with police sull a long

way from making an arrest. massive security was yesterday being arranged for Mr Palme's funeral. Many world leaders and

prominent statesmen are expected to attend a memorial service in Stockholm Town Hall on March 15, at which Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the next Swedish Prime Minister, will be the main speaker.

Afterwards Mr Palme's body will be carried in procession through the streets of Stockholm for burial in a churchyard a few hundred yards from the spot where he was eut down last Friday at the age of 59 by a single shot in the back.

Thousands of Swedes are expected to follow the coffin hut the final burial in Adolf Fredrik's church — close to the grave of Mr Hjalmar Branting. Sweden's first socialist prime minister - will be a private affair attended only by Mr Palme's widow, Lisber, aged 54, their three sons, other

family and close friends. Yesterday there were intense discussions between members of the Social Democratic Party elite, who are

with the ending of the emer-gency since they form part of

television and stills photogra-

phers from being allowed into

any area they consider a threat

to be referring. It thus remains

to be seen how the police will

use them after the emergency

is ended. On the face of it.

of unrest should become easi-

about the future of the esti-

ed and held under other

permanent security legisla-

has been reasonably

police to combat unrest.

Black political organiza-

detainees and political prison-

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ers are released.

time been detained.

There is a similar haziness

Sapo, the Swedish secret police. who are in charge of

secretary general, said one of the reasons why the hurial had been scheduled so long after the assassination was that it enabled security to be careful-ly planned. Another was that would enable Mr Carlsson to be officially sworn in before the ceremony.

He said security at both the Town Hall and along the route of the cortege would be ex-tremely tight. Sources close to Sapo said sbarpshooters would be stationed in flats and offices along the way. Extra police would be drafted into the capital and the route would be carefully checked in advance by explosives experts.

Finland's singing star Arja Saijonmaa will sing a tribute to Mr Palme during the public

The post-mortem on Mr Palme revealed that the assassin's hullet passed through his body between the shoulder hlades, smashing his backbone, aorta and windpipe. It was later found on the pavement close to the spot here he died.

Those who have confirmed they will be attending the funeral include Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, who will speak at the Town Hall service.

Herr Fred Sinowatz, the Austrian Chancellor, will attend along with his predecessor Herr Bruno Kreisky, a elose friend of Mr Palme after his years of exile in Sweden during the war.

From Michael Binyon

it. But the police have wide powers of discretion, under other legislation, to prevent These are the powers to which Mr Le Grange appears

> Mr McMahon said that he was resigning for "personal the agency.

He said he had reached a mated 330 people who are still and he woold leave on March being detained under the 29.

emergency provisions. Over Administration sources, the whole period since the however, said that he decided emergency was imposed on to quit after disagreement with July 21 of last year, about a decision last week to step 7.800 people have at some npfour paramilitary operations significantly. It is as-A senior police officer in sumed that these were in Pretoria. Colonel Jaap Venter. countries where Mr Reagan said that although the 330 had promised increased aid to could no longer be held under insurgents - Afghanistan, the emergency law once it was Nicaragua, Angola and Camlifted, they could be re-arrestbodia.

Mr McMahou was known particularly to have ques-The general reaction to the tioned US involvement with President's announcement anti-Commonist guerillas in Nicaragua and Afghanistan.

favourable from white liberal groups and the business cominvolvement in the Third munity, although there is con-World because he believed it eern about Mr Botha's reference to possible stiffening coold not be sustained politiof other laws to enable the cally at home over a long

tions have on the whole reacted with scepticism. if not 1980 arguing against covert support for Afghan rebels, and indifference. They say that the lifting of the emergency will have no meaning unless all position over Nicaragua. troops and police are removed from the townships and all

He recently lost an attempt to prevent Mr Reagan request-ing an imprecedented \$70 million (£50 million) in military aid to strengthen the fighting potential of the

He is also said to oppose the growing role of the Pentagon in developing paramilitary capabilities for covert opera-

rebels had actually been deliv-A proposal is now circulatstrengthen the opposition of many congressmen to President Reagan's proposal to give another \$100 million in military and other aid to the Contras.

### Seized Britons named

among hostages captured by They bring the number of Unita rebels in north-eastern Britons captured at the dia-Angola at the weekend, it was mond mining centre of learnt yesterday. The total number captured is now believed to be more than 170, by

Andrada to four.

Mr Marcos Samondo, the Unita representative in Lonfar the largest group of expatriates taken hostage there (Rich- Foreign Office on Tuesday ard Dowden writes).

Two more Britons were both married with children.

don, was summoned to the and told that the Britons The two Britons, Mr John should be released unharmed Sutherland, aged 42, and Mr and without conditions as Terence Richards, aged 44, are soon as possible.

### Top CIA official resigns

Washington

Mr John McMahon, the Deputy Director of the CIA, has resigned amid reports that he strongly opposed CIA involvement in Nicaragua a. d the extension of covert operaions in the Third World. President Reagan quickly ap-pointed Mr Robert Gates, the Deputy Director for Intelligence, to replace him.

stage when he had to move on.

He opposed increased US

He wrote a classified memo randum to President Carter in he has since taken a similar

Contras.

ing in Congress to establish a \$500 million "freedom fighter" fund under the control of Mr Richard Perle, the Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Policy.

### Israel blamed for Arab terrorism

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is to hlame for Arab Howe, the Foreign Secretary, the perpetrators of some of the and other senior officials. terrorism, the chaos in Lebanon, and the virtual collapse of the Middle East peace process - in a nushell, that was the message conveyed by Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister, at a Britain recognizes Syria's role press conference yesterday, and during a talk entitled Who is the Obstacle to Peace in the Middle East?" at the origins of and solutions to. Royal Institute of Internation- the Arab-Israeli problem. al Affairs on Tuesday evening. Mr al-Sharaa has been in London at the invitation of sidestepped questions about

Given that Britain has few economic, political, or historical ties with Damascus, the fact that he was received at such a high level indicates that

At yesterday's press conference. Mr al-Sharaa neatly the Government for talks with his country's association with

back to the roots of the as a key player in the Middle Palestine problem, East, even if London and Damascus disagree about the

Mr al-Sharaa pledged Syria's full support in seeking the release of Mr Alec Collett. a British journalist who has been held hostage in Lebanon for the past year, and of audited record showing pay-American and French hosthe Government for talks with his country's association with tages also being held in Leba ment to suppliers or records of The storm centres on the locked bimself away at home Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey the Abu Nidal organization, non. Leading article, page 11 shipments to resistance forces. Parking Violations Bureau, after police found him careenment to suppliers or records of

Syria, he said, was against

terrorism. Its heart hled every

time civilians were killed. But

he said it was important to go

in recent months.

Nations from 1972 to 1982 told journalists in Vienna yesterday that allegations he had been involved with Nazi atrocities during the war were cal harassment. a "dirty campaign". Dr Waldheim is hoping to be elected Austria's president in the forthcoming election. Until this week's accusations by the World Jewish Congress in New York, detailing his membership of the Nazi Party, opinion polls gave him the edge over his opponents. Although he has now admitted suppressing information about his wartime career, he vehemently denies knowing anything about either the organization. transportation of 42.830 Jews from Salonika to Auschwitz or the wiping out of several villages in Montenegro during

Dr Waldheim answering questions on American television yesterday about his wartime career.

Waldheim denies

Holocaust role

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

reprisals for partisan attacks. Aecording to the congress, Dr Waldheim served with units involved in the acts. The fact that Dr Waldheim has consistently covered up in the Wehrmacht during their Balkan offensive - he writes in his recent autobiography, In the Eve of the Storm, that he

was a law student in Vienna at the time - has severely dented his image. Election posters have portrayed him as as the benign, friendly Austrian "the world trusts".

Members of the Austrian opposition conservative People's Party, which is sup-

porting Dr Waldheim's candidature, closed ranks behind him yesterday and said they continued to have full confidence in him as a suitable head of state. Dr Alois Mock, leader of the

opposition, described the evidence of the congress as a "monstrosity". The report in The New York Times, be observed, could not be said to be purely coincidental. Other Polish aid conservative politicians referred to the reports as a "campaign of lies" and point-

No record

of US aid

to Contras

From Michael Binyon

Government auditors told

the US Congress yesterday there were no real records

showing that millions of dol-

lars in aid to Nicaraguan

Their report is likely to

Mr Frank Conahan, the

director of the General Ac-

counting Office's internation-

al affairs division, said in

testimony that the State

Department's audit controls

"cannot verify actual delivery

or receipt of items in the

The office was unable to

Mr Conahan said \$7.1 mil-

lion spent in Central America

was not controlled. Payment

was usually made to a Miami

bank account, one of several

brokers, but there was no

assure Congress of delivery when it approved \$27 million

in aid last autumn.

### Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secre-tary-General of the United post when the Nazis took over Austria in 1938. Dr Waldheim has said that

his behaviour during this period was dictated by the need to defend his family from politi-

He denies even being aware of his membership of the paramilitary SA (Sturmableilung) or "brownshirts", despite the documentary evidence of the World Jewish Coogress.

After serving as a cornet (ensign) in an Austrian dragoon regiment. Dr Waldbeim joined a riding club in Vienna which, after 1938, was run by SA staff but whose members say Dr Waldheim's aides, did not bave to be part of that

A spokesman for Dr Waldheim said yesterday that after Hitler took over Austria, anyone who had cavalry training and wanted to continue their studies had to continue riding in an organization run either by the SS or SA.

More damaging is the publication this week of wartime Waldheim in the uniform of a Werhmacht officer talking to General Artur Phleps, commander of the seventh SS volunteer division in Montenegro. According to the records of the Yugoslav wartime commission, this divi-sion was responsible for some of the most brutal reprisals

against civilians. Dr Waldheim has admitted that while serving in the Balkans he was presented by the Nazi puppet state of Croatia with the Order of the Crown of King Zyonimir with silver oak leaves, indicating that it was earned under

enemy fire.

Dr Waldheim said that these decorations were given to all staff officers serving in the Balkans.

Bangkok (Reoter) - Poland is to help restore and conserve ed to the fact that Austria's the ancient Cambodian termilitary records showed that Dr Waldheim's father had been stripped of his teaching reported.

The ever popular, rathless

and frequently obnexions Mayor Edward Koch of New

York has so far crushed every

attempt hy political opponents

tion scandal within his govern-

He presents himself con-

vincingly as a man pained and

ostraged by the worsening revelations. He has damped in

public an old-time friend,

hrandishing him a crook who should be exposed. "If a guy could be raped, that's the way I feel. A friend took advantage

of me," he said. The friend, Mr Donald Ma-

es, notil recently President of

the New York borough of

Oneens, is implicated in the

higgest scandal in the eight

years of the Koch administra-

tinn. Federal investigators are still digging into several as-pects of New York's govern-

ment, and as they do so the pace of resignations by public

Mayor Koch is perceived as "squeaky clean" when it

comes to fraud. Nobody has

ever pinned a shady deal on

him. In the midst of his crisis

he is demonstrating what a

political phenomenon he is.

Hardiv a New Yorker thinks

he is corrupt, and no political

opponent would dare soggest

to exploit a deepening corrup-tion scandal within his govern-

# Kremlin economic expert presents radical blueprint

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

East Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary. The latter caused

surprise since the tone of the

congress has been very much against experiments smacking

Professor Aganbegyan em-phasized the need to demo-

cratize" the unwieldy and

ailing Soviet economy by

profit-sharing provides an in-centive for individuals to

This is in sharp contrast to

the traditional working of the

television, repairs, public ser-

vices and small retail outlets.

I believe that this has to be

The reforms were particu-

larly far-reaching in agricul-

ture, he said. All Soviet farms

would be free to dispose of

food production, in excess of a

quota set aside for the state, in

· Congress climax: The con-

gress reaches its climax today

when the new Central Com-

mittee is announced. It will, in

turn, select the Politburo to

run the country for the next

five years.
Senior Soviet sources said

last night that the appoint-

ments would further consoli-

date the Mr Gorbaehov's

Western observers predict a

turnover of 50 per cent or

more in the 319-member Cen-

tral Committee. A number of senior officials already dis-

missed by Mr Gorbachov will

automatically lose the mem-

bership of the elite body that

point a new Central Commit-

tee seeretariat, another

The congress will also ap-

went with their jobs.

position.

work harder and better.

for extra work.

developed," he said.

any way they chose.

of private enterprise.

Professor Abel Aganbegyan, countries whose experience chief architect of Moscow's could be useful to Moscow. radical new 15-year economic programme, emerged from the Kremlin shadows yesterday to brief Western correspondents on the way in which it will change the face of the Soviet

Among controversial ex-periments which he said would soon he expanded would be a new system of prices; self-financing factories that can make investment decisions independent of the centralized planning mechanism; and a series of plans to link the take-home pay of various categories of Soviet worker directly to perfor-

Professor Aganbegyan also expressed strong opposition to the present system whereby the prices of staple products, such as bread, milk and meat. are beavily subsidized. His remarks were seen as an indication that these might be

removed soon.
The Armenian-born economist was transferred to Moscow recently from a Siberian think-tank on Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's orders. He is regarded by diplomats as the single most influential economie thinker behind the Soviet leader's drive to modernize the country. He has rarely, agreed to meet the

foreign press.

He denied that the economie blueprint - approved unanimously yesterday by the 27th Communist Party Congress would cause unemployment, although it states specifically that the jobs of 20 million manual workers will disappear by the turn of the century.

"It is true that a proportion of the 20 million, in fact about 5 million, will have to undergo a process of retraining in new skills," he said. "But we already have a whole system

functioning to that end." He elaimed that most of those being made redundant were approaching retirement age in routine jobs, often on production lines. Improved secondary education meant that there was a shortage of Russians prepared to take on that kind of work.

He cited three socialist Cricket is

preferred

to protest

From Jeremy Taylor

Port of Spain

campaigners, who have been

trying to persuade West Indi-

ans to boycott the English

cricket tour. Not only did

England beat the West Indies

in the second one-day interna-

tional, but the bero of the day

was the bete noir of the

protesters, Graham Gooch.

And ootside the capital's

Queens Park oval in Port of

Spain, the police tactical unit

charged into a peaceful if

rowdy demonstration and ar-rested 16 people.

condemned in the press and by

officials of the ruling People's

National Movement, One furi-

ous demonstrator told report-

ers he was ashamed as a black

West Indian to be beaten by

black policemen for demon-

However, the Trinidad Ex-

press, which has loudly sup-

ported the boycott campaign,

From Christopher Thomas, New York

Mayor Edward Koch: never

touched by shady deals

seems to have become a mas-

sive racketeering enterprise,

dealing in private profiteering

Federal investigators say that private collection compa-

nies have given hundreds of

thousands of dollars to indi-

viduals within the bureau in

return for lucrative contracts

for the collection of millions of

Mr Geoffrey Lindenauer, a former deputy director of the

bureau, has been accused of

extorting more than \$410,000 labout £280,000 in cash, trips

and theatre tickets from three

private collection contractors.

As for Mr Manes, he has

locked bimself away at home

He has pleaded not guilty.

dollars in overdue fines.

off the city's husiness.

strating against apartheid.

The police action was widely

Tuesday was a grim day for

### important centre of Soviet power, with between nine and 11 members. **Fighting** flares in Chad

Paris (Reuter) - Fresh fighting had erupted in Chad between Libyan-backed rebels and government forces after a

Defence Ministry said. A spokesman, quoting Chadian officials, said the fighting broke out at Kalait, near the strategic governmentheld outpost of Oum Chalouba. The town is on the 16th parallel which divides the country in two and where government forces last month repulsed a rebel offensive.

The spokesman said Chad had reported the fighting after a drive by the rebels of Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former president, towards Oum Chalouba. The government forces had the situation under control

The fighting coincided with the opening of a meeting in Addis Ababa of an Organization of African Unity commitsituation in Chad.

tacks by insurgents on at least four government-held settlements.

conceded that the joys of cricket had overshadowed the idea of solidarity with the oppressed of South Africa. Fighting was particularly bcavy around Oum Chalouba John Woodcock, page 23 | and Kalait.

### tee expected to discuss the Last month the forces of President Habré repulsed at-

'Mr Clean' crushes scandal

### ing through New York in his car, incoherent and dripping blood from self-inflicted knife wounds. He later had a heart

Mayor Koch professes an intense distaste for political patronage. And yet the Park-ing Violations Bureau draws its top officials invariably from the Queens Democratic Party, which Mr Manes led until his recent resignation. That, it seems, is how he came to have 2 hand in the alleged scandal One city collection company has claimed that he extorted \$36,000

The affair is likely to spread which collects parking fines. It to other city agencies using private companies to collect money. The FBI and the US Attorney's Office in Manhattan are conducting extensive inquiries and Mayor Koch, too, has appointed his own investigation into all city con-tracts with collection agencies.

Officials of the Department of Justice have little doubt that there is an intimate link between payoffs involving the Parking Violations Bureau and senior Queens Democratic Party officials.

With a touch of the old political magic, Mr Koch has proposed new rules to make it harder for politically-connected people to do business with the city. If anything, scandal is serving to reinforce his reputa-tion as New York's Mr Clean. rescued by helicopter.

### Last call at Port Stanley brewery

pil reat

and over

Port Stanley (Reuter) - The only brewery in the Falklands has gone into liquidation because of lack of demand. Mr Harry Milne, the director, said it was established soon after Britain reclaimed

the islands afer the 1982 Argentine invasion.

"Lack of support from British servicemen, contractors and the general public caused the failure." At its peak, the brewery was producing 150 gallons of "Penguin beer" a giving more power to individ-ual worker collectives and week. "We couldn't break into fast-expanding regional ex-periments, where n form of the military market," the for-mer manager, Mr Pailip Mid-

### Sirhan Sirhan acted alone

rigid Soviet economy, where wages are generally determined in advance by the Los Angeles (Reuter) - Los Angeles police released a 1,500-page summary of their national plan, and there are few, if any, material incentives investigation into the 1968 murder of Senator Robert Kennedy m which they ruled out theories of a conspiracy. The summary, released 17 Areas where this type of system might be introduced soon were taxi co-operatives,

years after the investigation completed. concluded that Sirhan Sirhan acted Pastures new

Peking (UPI) - Some 35,000 shepherds stranded by blizzards on mountain grazing grounds in China's remote north-western Qinghai Prov-ince have been rescued. Xinhua News Agency said. At least a million cattle and sheep died in the blizzards,

### Heavy guard

Delhi (UPI) - A female elephant has been placed on guard duty outside a Hindu temple in Thanjavur, sombern India, to protect a shop inside the shrine and the shoes of worshippers visiting the temple from thieves.

# Prisoner spree

Bethesda, Maryland (UPI). Prisoners on a road gang in suburban Washington were caught going "over the fence" to burgle homes and to meet girlfriends for kunch.

### Refugee shot

Torup, Denmark (Reuter) -A Danish policeman shot dead a Lebanese refugee who barricaded himself in a room at a centre for people seeking asylum after reportedly attempting to commit suicide and lunging at other inmates with a kinfe.

### Mail mummy

Munich (Reuter) - An ancient Inca mummy was posted Bunte in a cardboard box, along with a plea to case poverty in Peru.

### Missile test

Paris (AP) - France successfully carried out the first long-range test firing of its submarine M4 missile with a new multiple nuclear warbcad, the Defence Ministry said here.

### Card fraud

Milan (AFP) - Two men defrauded a bank of 400 million lire (£182,000) by filming customers using an automatie cash machine, collecting the discarded advice notices and then transferring the information on to blank bank cards.

### Driver's rage Cape Town (Reuter) - A

South African motorist who bit off a traffic policeman's ear in a fit of rage was sentenced to 600 hours of periodic imprisonment and fined for negligent driving.

### Losing streak Reno. Nevada (Reuter) - A

US district judge rejected a \$10,000 (£6,600) damages suit brought by a former casino employee, Miss Nancy Mannikko.aged 37, who said she was denied promotion because she was not pretty enough,

### Shared luck

Seattle (UPI) - Philip Agne. aged 14, who is suffering from a heart defect, won half of Washington state's record \$8.5 million (£5.6 million) Lotto jackpot.

### Rock tragedy

Winter Park, Florida (UPI) - Richard Manuel, pianist for the rock group The Band, died in a motel bathroom hours after performing with the group. Guru arrested

### Aghios Nicolaos, Crete (AP) Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the Indian guru deported from the US in November, was arrested at a villa here. He is to

be expelled, police said. Climber saved Hood River, Oregon (UPI)

Mr David Schermer, aged 36. who lay with a broken leg for two days beside the body of his wife on Mount Hood after they fell 200ft down a

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# Japan ready to sell its rail network and hand over huge debts

Japan has embarked on its most far-reaching reform since the war with the Cabinet approving the de-nationaliza-

tion of the railways.

Japan National Railways
has debts of £140 billion. almost the equivalent of the gross national product of Bra-

Five Bills approved by the Cabinet which provide for break-up of the railways into seven private companies, will go to the Diet this month and are assured of passage because tional railway met strong op-of the ruling Liberal Demo-position when it tried to set up cratic Party's majority. They will become law on April 1

The government will dispose of the railway's debts, persuade 20,000 workers to retire early, find new jobs for another 41,000 and re-establish thousands in other areas of the country. The rail network will be broken up into six regional passenger railway companies and one freight

company. The government will retain existing bullet train lines for another 30 years.

The six passenger compa-nies will be established in the northern island of Hokkaido, with individual ones for east and west Japan, central Japan and the islands of Shikoku and Kyushu. Although free to operate as private concerns, a provision has been made requiring the new companies to heed the interests of small regional husinesses - the naa bookshop on Tokyo station and a laundry in Saitama prefecture to absorb surplus

To help overcome such huilt-in difficulties as the new Honshu-Hokkaido tunnel. which the Hokkaido company will be expected to take over, the government will allow the new private companies to engage in non-railway busi-

tional railway workers' union which has been a mainstay of support for the communist and socialist parties. Recent attacks on the railway, including one that paralysed Tokyo's commuter trains for the best part of a day, have been motivated by opposition to the government's plans. Three of the new companies will take over £42.8 billion of

De-nationalization will also split the 220,000-strong na-

the railway's long-term debt while a liquidation company will dispose of the remaining £97.2 billion. Japan National Railways has some valuable land assets it can sell but the taxpayer will probably have to foot the bill ultimately for what amounts to the country's biggest politi-cal pork barrel. For years, new

lines have been opened and

other uneconomic lines re-

tained because it suited local One of the most glaring political lines" is the bullet train line from Tokyo to thehome prefecture of Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former prime minister. It cost £6.5 billion when it was completed. 31/2 years ago at a time when the railway's problems had already become insoluble.

To begin the de-nationalization, shares in the new firms will be held by the government until operations are on a firm footing. Then, they will be sold to the public.

Bare breasts protest on royal tour

The fashion in the Antipo-des for baring parts of the anatomy to royalty found a new form of expression yester-day when a woman exposed her breasts to the Queen near the Sydney Opera House. The latest incidents affect-

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ing the royal tour appear to be a form of attention-grabbing in the wake of the bottom-baring protests during last week's New Zealand visit. Three people have been arrested since the Queen arrived in Sydney on Tuesday; nine were

held in New Zealand.

It was a sweltering hot day here yesterday, although that presumably had nothing to do with the woman's conduct as the Queen and the Duke of Ediaburgh prepared to board a launch for a harbour cruise.

The woman, who was wearing a loose singlet, trousers and sandals, scaled a wall and bared her bosom. It is not clear whether the royal couple saw

She was arrested after a struggle with police and was insulted by members of the crowd with cries of "tart" and "harlot" as she was led away. She was released on bail on charges of offensive hehaviour and assaulting police and is to appear in court in two weeks. She was reported as saying: "It was Queen Victoria who made women dress up to the neck. I'm trying to reverse the

A pattern of incidents has clearly been established since the royal tour started 11 days ago with the egg which spat-tered the Queen's coat in Auckland. Police have been told to be on the alert for further acts of exhibitionism during the remaining eight days of the visit.



On Tuesday night, police arrested two young men who attempted to spray the royal party with water as the Queen arrived for a reception at a

Sydney hotel. A police spokesman said that a fire hose had been taken to the roof of an adjoining building and switched on.

The two men were charged with trespass and offensive

Stadinm apened: The Queen later apened a sports stadium in the Sydney suburh Parramatta (Renter reports). Together with the Duke of Edinburgh she dined with the

Victoria State Governor, Mr Davis McCaughey, and today they will attend a garden party and a pageant on Melbourne's

Yarra River. Before leaving for Mel-bourne on a Royal Australian Air Force jet, the Queen presented the RAAF with a new royal standard.

### Soviet hijacker jailed by China

From Mary Lee

The hijacker of a Soviet ivilian aircraft which landed in north-east China in December has been jailed for eight years a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said yester-

He said that the hijacker, Alimuradov Shamil Gadji-Ogly, co-pilot of an Antonov. 24, was sentenced after a twoday trial which ended on Tuesday in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province.

The spokesman would not be drawn on questions con-cerning the extradition or motives of the hijacker, but said that Ogly could appeal against his sentence. The Soviel Embassy in Peking, which sent two officials to the trial, also refused comment.

The aircraft and 42 passen gers and crew returned safely to the Soviet Union. East European sources said that the hijacking and China's decision to try the co-pilot was unlikely to affect Sino-Soviet relations. currently described as "cool".

Asked to comment on the recent foreign policy state-ment by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, calling for improved relations, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was a "reiteration of Soviet policy towards China, the content of which is: familiar 10 us".

He said that the dates of a: visit by the Soviet First Depu-ty Premier, Mr Ivao Arkhipov, had not been fixed.

# **Hong Kong fears** poll down-played

Hong Kong (Reuter) -About 1.4 million voters go to the polls today amid concern that the British administration is playing down the election in the face of China's opposition to political reform before it

takes over in 1997. A quarter of the population is eligible to choose 27 of the 79 candidates to sit on two surburban councils.

Some legislators say the British colonial government. wary of upsetting Peking has not promoted the poll as actively as it would have in the past and is backing away from reforms before Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in

Mr Walter Suike, an urban councillor, said the poll would be the acid test for direct elections in future, something Peking ... has made clear

they don't want".
Peking has hinted there reking has hinted there could be deviations from the Sino-British accord, returning Hong Kong to China, but. Mr. Liao said the government would be high degree of autonomy for, 50 years. The autonomy for, 50 years. The warning was widely seen as ical future but added it was aimed at last September's only "one of many factors".

indirect elections for the Leg-islative Council, the local

Legislators have confirmed that government officials ap-pealed for a high turnout in previous polls but the issue

was now sensitive. One legislator, Mr Szeto Wah, said: "Perhaps the government is concerned China will not like the politicization and too much promotion of

the elections". Government spokesmen deny any soft-pedalling, say-ing they have pressed hard to get out the vote and have spent about £715,000 on elec-

tion publicity.
Mr Donald Liao, secretary for district administration, said officials no longer needed to stress election basics because "people are getting more aware, more knowledgeable". But he added that a large turnout would not necessarily

### **Duarte** is ready to see rebels

San Salvador (AP) - Presideut Duarte says that El Salvador and Nicaragua should hold simultaneous though separate, talks with their rebel movements because their conflicts affect all of Central America.

He said on Tuesday that his proposal would go to President Ortega of leftist-ruled Nicaragua through Foreign Ministry channels, and that he was ready to talk at any time.

President Duarte proposed that he should meet the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and its politi-cal arm, the Democratic Revo-Intinuary Front, in El Salvador, and that President Ortega should in Nicaragua meet the United Nicaraguan Union and other Contra rebel groups trying to oust the Sandinista Government.

"I believe in Central America there is a co-mingling of effects," he said. "What happeus in one country affects

This is a plan of peace, not and the said adding that two rounds of talks he had with Salvadorean leftists in 1984 could not solve the Central

American problem

"Those talks were from a
Salvadorean point of view," he
said. "What I am proposing is from a Central American point of view." He called the propos-al an alternative to the military approach now being taken.

Leftist guerrillas have been fighting US-backed governments in El Salvador for six years, and the Sandinistas have been confronted by the Contras, supported by the US,

President Ortega was in Cuha on a 10-day visit, and there was no immediate response from Nicaragua.

### General strike call in Dhaka

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

The 23 leading Bangladesh opposition parties have called for a half-day general strike on Saturday to protest against parliamentary elections on April 26 announced by the military Government.

The protest clashes with the arrival of China's President Li Xiannian and his wife, who are due in Dhaka on Saturday on a four-day state visit.

The strike, from 6am local time to noon, is expected to bring life to a standstill in Dhaka, the capital, and other big cities. Spokesmen for the opposition said that the strike would be peaceful, but warned that there would be picketing if the authorities tried to force vehicles on to the streets.

Opposition sources said that they have planned road-blocks to paralyse transport, and would halt train services and flights.

Chinese diplomatic sources here said that they are worried hy the strike's consequences for President Li's visit, the first by any Chinese head of state to Bangladesh since its independence in 1971.

A government official said that President Li would arrive after the protest had ended, but would not say if timing had been changed to avoid

Mrs Sheikh Hasina Wazed, thief of the 15-party alliance, backed the strike call at a meeting with alliance members on Tuesday. "The protest strike will show to the world that the people have rejected the Army-supervised elections." Mrs Wazed said at her Awami League party of-

# Seoul petition started

Seoul (Reuter) - The South Korean dissident, Mr Kim Dae Jung, said yesterday that an opposition petition cam-paign for election reforms was expected to gather a million signatures by the end of the

More than 300 Protestant priests, lawyers, artists and dissidents have defied a government ban on the campaign and are urging direct presiden-tial elections instead of hy an electoral college.

tion members and dissidents have signed the petition. Despite government ef-

forts to prevent the signature campaign it is going ahead and we expect to collect a million by the end of this month and 10 million by August 15.

National Independence Day, Mr Kim said. "It all depends on the government attitude hut we expect to celebrate that day with a huge rally in

Police yesterday forcibly took the civil rights campaign-A Roman Catholic civil rights campaigner, the Rev Moon Ik-hwan, home to prevent him from giving a news conference paign. Hundreds of opposition about the petition.

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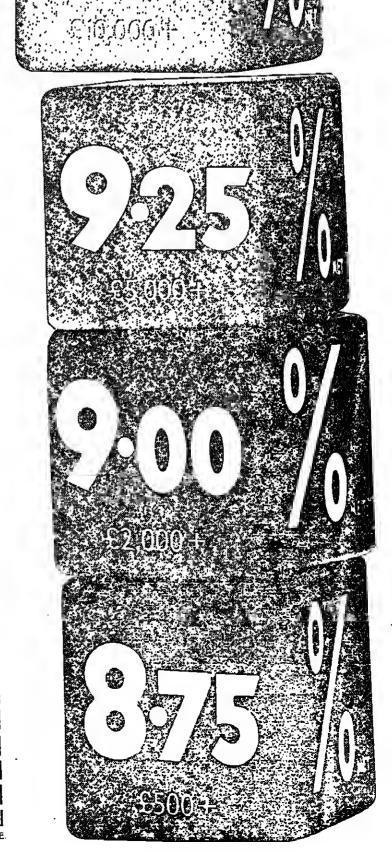
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### SPECTRUM

# Crescendo of cricket's steel band

WEST INDIES FAST BOWLERS

he most awesome squad in modern sport is the quartet of West Indies fast bowlers. Operating in re-lays, granting no respite, hurling hard 54-02 cricket balls at impossible angles at almost 100mph, they strike fear into the most lionbearted of opposing batsmen, whose first thought must be

Balfour Patrick Patterson, of Jamaica, is the latest of them Reared on hard pitches that gleam like marble in the blinding sunlight, he joins the treetop-tall Joel Garner, the silken if ageing Mi-chael Holding and Malcolm Marshall, whose standing as the fastest bowler in the world is already threatened by Patterson. Since the squad formula emerged, the Caribbean cricket conglomerate has demolished all comers and now seems about to repeat the 5-0 "blackwash" of England in 1984; the thrilling last-gasp victory achieved by David Gower's team in Tuesday's limited-overs match in Trindad has lifted the spirits but may turn out not to have much relevance to the altogether weightier matter of the second Test, which begins on the same ground tomorrow.

One way, perhaps, for the helmeted and padded batsmeo of the present England team to compile anything approaching the total of 849 runs made by their predecessors in the Test match in Jamaica in 1929 would be to wear armour and aim for a target of 300 "leg byes" from the victous bouncers of Messrs Marsball and Patter-son. Against the sound of breaking bones currently echoing around the Caribbean, it borders oo the surrealistic to remember that a 39year-old Englishman once batted for 10 hours in Jamaica to score 325 in an England total of 849.

That was Andrew Sandbam's achievement, though the West Indies attack he faced bardly resembled the modern bombardment. Sandham's 50-year-old opening partner, George Gunn. took advantage of Learie Constantine's absence to record his bighest score of the series, 85. One of Gunn's many eccentricities had been to advance down the pitch to the fiery Constantine to play bouocers off the splice of the bat and deliver a nonchalant raspberry in the general direction of the bowler. Not recommended today. If these dusty memories go a

despondent British cricket-lover, it is an incidental effect. They are primarily intended to pinpoint a time when West Indian fast bowling was respected but not unduly feared.

Three-and-a-half years after Sandham's epic innings, when the West Indies toured England io the immediate wake of the controversial "bodyline" series, Manny Martindale from Barbados bowled with ferocity, splitting Walter Hammond's chin. He pummelled the brave century-making Jardine with a sample of bodyline which swung English opinion and helped

outlaw the sinister leg-side fielding strategy, even if it could not stop excessive short-pitched bowling (only strong umpiring can do

When England next toured the West Indies in 1934-35, the cap-tain. Bob Wyatt, bad his jaw broken in four places by Martindale in Jamaica. Carried unconscious from the field, blood surging from his mouth. Wyatt came to in the dressing-room and, still unable to speak, gestured for some paper. upon which be scrawled a rearranged batting

order. The pattern of West Indian Test cricket had been established. There is no evidence that the hostility of black fast bowlers against the early touring teams was anything out of the ordioary. Native players like "Float" Woods from Trinidad had pace . . . wben they were allowed to play. Black players were not always permitted to take the field. Cricket was run by the whites, who probably dreaded social embarrassment

more than a bump on the head. Woods was rated as one of the fastest bowlers in the world, but he liked to bowl in bare feet, to "feel de pitch wid de toe". It is suspected that he tore the soles from his cricket boots, leaving the uppers in position to keep himself. bis captain and his hosts happy during the 1900 tour of England.

s the 20th century progressed, the restraints upon black cricketers the fast bowler to particular - were gradually eased. The theory that black men were fastbowling workhorses rather than baismen also needed reconsideration as George Headley, from the late 1920s, showed himself to be one of history's finest batsmen. He may still deserve precedence over Weekes, Worrell and Walcott even Sobers and Richards.

Headley was poorly supported in the batting, but at least West Indies fielded small brigades of fast bowlers. On the 1923 tour of Eogland they bad George Francis and though past his best, George John, who finished his followthrough like Lillee, almost under the nose of the startled batsman. The mercurial Constantine was joined later by Martindale and Leslie Hylton (so far the only Test cricketer to be banged for murder: he delivered bis own retribution on his erring wife).

Spells of blisteriog

from these men were common enough, but 200-odd botmcers and kickers in a day, like the present generation unleashes, would have

been unacceptable. The rugged Wyatt, however, is again the centre of the story. During the West Iodians' 1928 visit to Edgbaston, he went out to bat for Warwicksbire as Len Bates was carted off senseless after being hit on the head by Constantine. If the bowler was remorseful about what bad just happened, he managed to contain it for the next two balls glanced off Wyatt's skull for



Creased lightning: Patrick Patterson, West Indies' latest fast-bowling recruit, in action against England

There is a loog-standing, explosively sensitive area here. If an Englishman is felled by an Australian bouncer, whatever the sense of outrage, it could not possibly have been a racially motivated claimed that the blow was deliberate for more obscure reasons.

Do the West Indiao pace meo dish it out to their own during inter-island matches? Apparently they do. But West Indian batsmen tend to handle it better since they grow up on these pitches (though Vivian Richards's record against Barbados makes one think: one century in 19 innings, average 25). Never, though, has there been such a concentration of lifethreatening, lightning-fast bowling as we have seen from the West Iodies over the past 10 years. There was a time when Wes

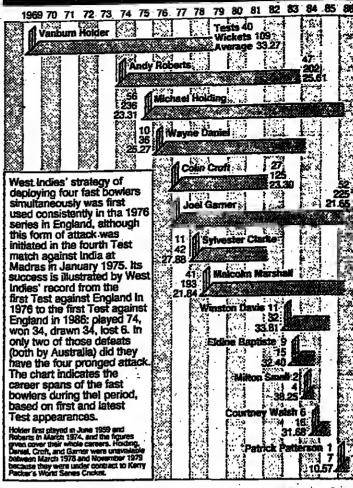
Hall would bound in and grind Colin McDonald's rib-cage. The valiant Australian opener would buckle at the knees, clutch his chest as if clinging to his life's thread, and gasp for air. Then he guard and face up again.

his was a stirring display of fortitode, a welcome part of the day's dramatic pageant. After a time, the spinners would come on and there would be a more cerebral, artistic kind of cootest.

Today, however, the escalation from Hall to Marsball, Garner, Patterson, Holding and the rest has reached a murderous crescendo which shrieks remorselessly throughout the ionings. The thrillone-to-one joust has been replaced by a protracted gang mugging.

West Indian supporters customarily dismiss criticism of the fast bowling overkill with cries of "squealers" or "what about and Thomson?" If asked why they play their cricket in this unsubtle ay, the only succinct and remotely decent answer can be: "Because it brings victory".
These are dubious retorts, since

for every alleged offender from any other country in the past, at least ooe West Indian fast bowler cao be recalled to match. The West Indian authorities cared enough about the bumanities of the game to seod Roy Gilcbrist bome from the 1958-59 tour of India and Pakistan when be insisted on spraying a continuous stream of bouncers and beamers.



THE PACEMAKERS

This diminutive tearaway was still compulsively practising bis ber-serk brand of bowling in Eoglish league cricket several years later. Charlie Griffith was another

Caribbean quickie worthy of forensic study, his place io history secure more for bis bowling action, which did not satisfy everybody, than for bis 94 Test wickets. Those who faced him will remember the borrible path scorcbed through the air by his sbort ball, which "followed" the hapless batsman.

One of bis bouocers almost. killed Nari Contractor, the Indian batsman, and be battered Ken Barrington. But it was not only the men at the top of the batting order who felt his wrath. Young Derek Underwood, round-sbouldered and fresh-faced, batting number 11 io bis first Test in 1966, took one io the teeth from Griffith. The convention that a Test fast bowler prefers to bowl out tail-enders. rather than terrorize them weot up in a sad puff of smoke. This was the immediate heritage of today's practitioners.

The "pack" principle was adopted soon after Clive Lloyd's West Indians endured a beavy Australia 10 years ago. The motivation was born. Now where were the fast bowlers? In the streets. bars and fields of Barbados and Jamaica there are hordes of sixfooters who rejoice in their strength and agility, get their "fix" by propelling a ball fast and eliciting admiration, and eye the advantages that cricket fame can bring with the same eagerness that impelled the unemployed in the

Depression to don boxing gloves. None of the West Indian fast bowlers more resembled a boxer than the cold-eyed Andy Roberts, son of a poor Antiguan fisherman. He bowled his way to same, fortune and a CBE. Umpirebarging Colio Croft from Guyana, who made a speciality of bowling round the wicket so that every ball had to be on the line of the batsman's body, picked up cash rewards from Lancashire, Kerry Packer's cricket circus, and a rebel South African tour. Croft's bowling action was the ugliest of them all, contrasting with the virile exuberance of Hall, the haunting "slow motion" deception of the giant Garner, and the poetic flow of the lithe quarter-miler Holding. The gross superfluity of fast bowling now tends to obscure aesthetic considerations.

ompetition for a high place in West Indies cricket, with its instant recognition and material benefits, is at fever pitch; which perhaps explains why these bowlers seem to be bowling faster and with more frenzy thao their predecessors. It may be too glib a theory that Afro-West Indian stock has physical advantages over the Caucasian and Asian competition, but the field of fast bowling, now that all the - raciai a have been removed, bears the mark of West Indian dominance based on force.

The white man, in his supposed traditional perfidy, can do nothing about it this time, even by amending the laws of the game. There are two kinds of Test cricket now: that which concerns West Indies and that which does not.

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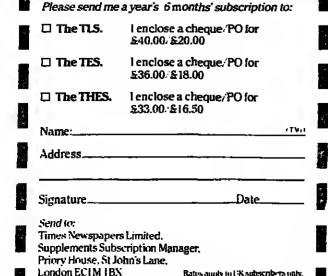
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# Power struggle at Battersea

How a local community is losing its fight to stop a multi-million pound leisure complex

defunct bulk of Battersea power statioo in south London will egin its new life as a £50 million leisure ceotre before the end of 1987. The Conservative-controlled Wandsworth council has just confirmed, by a majority of three votes, the

earlier decision of its planning development committee to ap-prove this ambitious but highcontroversial project. If the finished article resembles the artists' florid projections, the nld building and its surroundings will find themselves transformed into a mas-

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It now looks as though the Alton Towers and Tivoli Gardens.
The company responsible

fur the development is Batter-sea Leisure Limited, headed by John Broome, who is also the chairman and chief executive of Alton Towers. Before the appearance of Broome, a consurtium led by the business consultant Sir David Roche had won the competition held by the Central Electricity Generating Board to find the most appropriate scheme for the power station's conversion when it was closed three years sive family playground — a 1980s bybrid nf Disneyland,

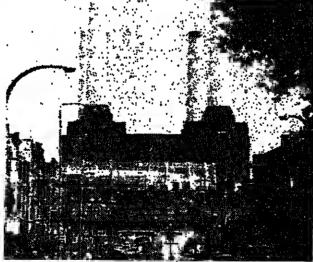
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Riverside landmark: power station to pleasure garden was swayed in favour of the

theme park notion by the prospect of some 4,500 new jobs on the 32-acre site. Forty-seven public meetings and numerable leaflets later the Battersea Power Struggle, as it is locally dubbed, has be-come an issue which transcends the mere relitting of a pleudid industrial cathedral. Its more militant opponents nbject to the fact that the design of the park is in the hands of the Texas-based Leisure And Recreation Concepts (LARC) - aptly for this long-running saga, the head-quarters are in Dallas, Hence he temptation to see the whole enterprise as foreign venture capitalism, whose end product

vill be of doubtful local bene-The debate also touches on

two of the main preoccupations of the inner city unemployment and traffic con-For this reason, Battersea Leisure is at pains to project an image of provider of jobs, which is calculated to endear it to a berough with 17,000 unemployed. The company reckons that nearly 50 per cent or 2,000 of the workforce would be recruited locally,

most of the jobs taken by

people at the younger end o the labour market.

Battersea . Power Station Community Group, one of the main opposition voices, takes issue with these figures. It cites the 500-acre Thorpe Park with its full-time staff of just 60, and Chessington Zoo (65 acres, 80 employees) as evidence of Battersea Leisure's "nasnbstantiated promises". The group also maintains that if there is indeed to be work for so many, it can only be sustained by an influx of visitors far in excess of the company's forecast.

Intolerable burden on clogged streets

Last year Sir Frederick Snow and Partners, the company's traffic consultants, estimated that of the three to four million visitors a year expected at the complex during its first five years, about 65 per cent would travel by car with a further 25 per cent arriving by coach. Despite the developers' plan to provide parking spaces for several thousand cars, some residents fear that the traffic generated will put an intolerable burden on the area's narrow and already clogged streets.

Considerable importance is being attached to the estab-lishment of a fixed rail link from Victoria station, and a shuttle bus service to be operated by Battersea Leisure. Although the planning npplication has gone through Wandsworth council, the authority has stipulated that certain demands be met particularly those related to transport - before work goes

The Community Group would still like to see the premises used for small local industries, or recreation parposes, though it seems to have accepted the inevitability of the theme park. Tony Spalding, Battersea Leisure's public relations officer, is magnanimous in victory. "I ose the trouble is that one suppose the trouble is that one tends to get polarized in these matters", he says. "Of course matters, ne says. Of course we were aware that the volume of traffic was bound to be increased by the park, and we went to great pains to have a proper survey carried out . . . I think it is very much to the credit of those who opposed the development that we have now rethought our nriginal proposals on arking."
The building itself stands by

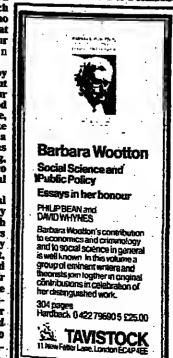
The building itself stands by the Thames, a rather reluctant symbol of change, its four famous chimneys stark and redundant against the skyline, shorn of those polluting smoke plumes which were at least a token of its asefulness. It is as bigh as a 22-storey building high as a 22-storey building, and its mass is sufficient to swallow St Paul's Cathedral

construction in Britain its very development was as much beset by controversy as is its refurhishment half a century later. Years before it was built residents and politicians had emphatically declared their opposition. In a Lords debate shortly after planning permission was granted in November 1927, Lord Askwith reminded. his fellow members that two decades previously a parliamentary committee had recommended that no generating station should be put up in Battersea as the area was already too industrialized.

Today there is a cavernous silence inside the place - one million square feet of it. Battersea, of course, is no

stranger to the idea of recreation centres, having played host for 30 years to the nearby, and also defunct, funtair in the Festival Gardens. In the new age of leisure, much of which is enforced by rising unemployment, tourism and its related pursuits have be-come a growth industry, earning an annual sum of £36 million — 27 per ceut of consumer spending, or 8 per ceut of the national income. If and when the developers have their way. Battersea power station is poised to play its part in the new current of wealth generation. Whether this will improve the lot of those who live in its immense shadow remains to be seen.

Alan Franks



# **BOOKS**

# Still bound to the hack's machine

Dil en lied

irst, the title, which is "not altogether facetious", it re-fers to the second bank of Burgess's instrument these 30 years. The good workman praises his tools, and is "scared of making the transition from clattering Qwert Yulop to a "velvery" word processor. With the clatterer "the rest of the household knows that you are at work and does not suspect you of covertly devouring a Playbov centrefold. Quite.

Some may find this on the pseudish side of self-indulgent. Yet Burgess is right to introduce this selection from his journalism by drawing attention to the typewriter by which he lives. He is famous as novelist and on television, and known to be a composer, but he is still bound to the hack's machine. The rewards of the serious novelist are meagre, and he needs journalism to augment his insufficient earnings from art." What's more he enjoys it, bound to Qwert Yuiop, he is still a free man, as are all who take pleasure in their work. Reviewing keeps his name before the public and his mind fresh. It imposes "an admirable formal discipline." We have here about one third of his interpolism in the circumstance. journalism in the given years. The standard is high. Freshness and discipline are two of the features. Burgess is never boring. There is not a piece here from which I have not derived entertainment and instruction. He can be extravagant in judgement, sometimes withil and wrong-headed, but never for long. In Johnson's words, the man has a bottom of good sense.

Johnsonian is a word too easily used. Nevertheless it can be applied to Burgess. He is both magisterial and lapidary: "Writers are rarely good at undestanding their own work, let alone discoursing on it"; "Art begins with craft, and there is no art until craft has been mastered"; "I shall be unhappy if The Human Factor is mentioned in the same breath as Mr le Carrès best-selling deadweights", "I never enjoy Shakespeare more than when schoolchildren perform him. Stage directors no longer defer; deference is left to the ignorant dead". Such observations, thrown out off the comic-epic glorification of the lower

Allan Massie on middle class." He finds Forster of a man who has pondered his overrated, and Ford's The Good craft. "The novelist is a confidence the collected pieces of our finest wordsmith. wit, writer, and novelist

**HOMAGE TO QWERT YUIOP** Selected Journalism 1978-85 By Anthony Burgess Hutchinson, £19.95

cuff, have an earned authority. They are the fruit of a mature and are the fruit of a mature and copiously-stored intelligence.

I often think of him as Dr Burgess, This is not mere whimsy. Hugh McDiarmid, whom he considers perhaps the greatest modern poet, liked to be addressed on formal occasions as Dr Grieve. The use of his honorary doctorate expressed his high regard for scholarship, which Burgess shares. It also the geatlemanly scholar, prevalent, at least till recently, in Oxford and Cambridge. Like Grieve, Burgess (Lancashire/frish/cradle Catholic/University of Manchester) finds University of Manchester) finds English amateurism limiting and provincial. Both take all knowledge as their province, and scorn the affectations of a backwater metrop-

o Dr Burgess puts aspects of English culture in their proper place. He would set Virginia Woolf, for instance, "who thought she had superseded the Edwardians, in the very tradition she attacked." He has as little time for Bloomsbury, "the rich cream of Edwardian liberalism", as the Bloomsberries had for his beloved loves "they did not like what they Joyce: "they did not like what they termed its coarseness, and they were not pleased either with Joyce's

novel of the century.

friendship with Sophia Loren (but who wouldn't be proud to be able to do so?), and of the "huge Gucci travelling satchel Fellini gave me."

e has read Don Quixole three times, Budd Schulberg's The Disenchanted 20 times; Rupert Hart-Davis's life of Hugh Walpole 10 times; and Les Misérables in two nights and a day. He doesn't (I think) say here how often he has read Finnegans Wake, but I once heard him tell the story. He revels in words, though once rebuked by the Literary Editor of The Times for "a Literary Editor of The Times for "a mindless bit of parrot jargon". (But that was on television). I hesitate to tackle such a wordsmith, but I think he misuses "timocracy"; and "cacotopia" is vile, suggesting a misderived opposite of Utopia. Samuel Butler knew better. His sweeping judgements are sometimes too much. Do "all boys dream of copulating with the Fat I adv"? of copulating with the Fat Lady"?

Here he writes of music, language, places, people, as well as literature; and it is abundantly good. Is he right, I wonder, in thinking that Waugh wrote too well for a novelist? He gives his reason: a work of fiction should be, for its author, a journey into the unknown, and the prose should convey the difficulties of the journey." That's a sentence to set students to discuss. It is the work

Soldier conceivably the best British trickster, while it is the task of the scholar to abhor treachery and teach He has the little vanities of a great scepticism." To which one might man. It pleases him to write of his add that the novelist sets out to dispel unbelief:"A few years ago in the city of Y-, in the province of X-,

there lived a man... For all his brio, he is fair. His favourite novel is Ulrsses (there's a marvellous warm essay on Ellman's Jovce). Yet he points out its fault: "It evades the excruciating problem that most novelists set themselves: how without blatant contrivance. to show character in the process of change." His summing-up is per-fect: Joyce "reminds us that life is a divine comedy and that literature is a jocose and serious business. Zest, intelligence, wit, and a short

way with nonsense arc characteristic:"Artists, who get no

end of a kick out of the trade they practise, are always eager to say what hell it is," Quite. He agrees with Johnson that none but blockheads write except for money, but himself writes also for love and to celebrate. This invigorating and enriching book is one to huy. despite its price, not borrow. Meanwhile. Dr Burgess will be typing another review, and a novel, and probably an opera (score and libretto), a film script, and a book on language, while that thud in the passage represents another parcel from the literary editor, which, after all these years and words, he will still tear open, eagerly. Bless him.



# The Jolly Roger of polemic

Readers familiar with Dr Scruton's political polemics may be surprised, but should be reassured, by the standard of erudition and argument that pervades this book. Described in the black as "an intellectual adventure", it covers an immense amount of a disposition to intentional ground, and is more illuminat- action"); he is concerned with ing in its asides and apercus what people do-rather than sions based on conceptual of their mental health. He is analysis; but if the conclusions' consequently, unsympathetic are not always cogent, that is to Freud and in particular to because he is bold enough to the Freudian unconscious, retake on not only a wide variety garding Freud as a kind of of authors, but also almost failed scientist; and is insuffievery concept that has sexual ciently impressed by the fact connections (persons, desire, that people have histories that love, gender, perversion, marriage, jealousy, prostitution, obscenity, friendship, beauty...). An author who adopts this semi-encyclopaedic approach should not be judged works: it is not merely a solely, or even primarily, on matter of social conditioning his predictably conservative plus conscious choice. Some conclusions, which aim at the story has to be told, if not the "restoration of the sacred" and avoiding the loss of

mnocence. This richesse is only an embarras to the reviewer. But insights of Plato and his there are two major methodological issues that the reader will want to consider. First, the author takes an Anstotelian rather than a Platonic approach to virtue and moral-

John Wilson

SEXUAL DESIRE By Roger Scroton Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.95, paperback £8.95

continue to influence them. On any account these histories are mysterious, and somehow have to be probed if we are to understand how sexuality stories of Freud or Melanie Klein. For a decent social life. Aristotle is an excellent guide: for something more the deeper followers may be needed.

Secondly, it is not entirely clear what Scruton regards as a conclusive argument in phi-losophy: his interesting disity ("Virtue, like friendship, is cussion on method leaves this ton of political ideology.

...and the cure for leprosy

open. Rightly stressing that the main problem is one of description, and placing himself among analytic philosophers, he nevertheless adopts an approach far removed from that of their most influential mentor, J.L. Austin, whose slogan "linguistic

phenomenology" seems tai-lor-made for the purpose. There is in fact little close knit slogan discussion or dialectic of normal usage: one must assume that Scruton supposes there to and be comparatively little mileage in such discussion for the topics in question. That seems to me, though possible, a rash idea to hold in advance of actually trying it. The difficulty is that, if we abandon the conclusiveness of Austinian discussion, we are left only with certain intuitions de-scribed more or less persua-As a thriller the book's OK.

This is fairly typical of much modern philosophy. Certainly what Scruton has written is interesting, lucid, perceptive, and to the point. Whether or not we agree with some, all, or none of it, his book should be read by any-one seriously concerned with the topics he investigates. It is a genuine work of philosophy: and an ounce of that is worth a

This author, I read recently, is "indignant when critics type him as a crime writer", because he sees himself in the tradition of Scott Fitzperald rather than Raymond Chandler. "Yeah, yeah, yeah", as dier. "Yeah, yeah, yeah", as one of his characters, the DA from Bristol County, remarks, "Let's quit f...... around here and play a little golf." As long as book pages divide their fiction into genres,

this book and others like it will come under the Thriller heading at the top of this column. If Mr Higgins wants to be categorized differently, he should not introduce murder, sex, and a bottle of acceptable" Côtes du Rhône in the Charter Club bar on the 36th floor of 200 Federal Street all within the first 25 pages. Let alone this oriental chick leaning back in the black leather chair, so that "her breasts became prominent against her white

Respected late news anchor-man on local TV loses wife and daughter to drunk driver. Driver gets mere two years in gaol. TV-man slays him with shotgun. DA is up for reelection; doesn't want case to come to court, not least be-cause the TV-man has dirt on the DA and also half the fat cats around town. The setting, by the way, is contemporary Boston and Cape Cod, though frankly a sense of place is not Mr Higgins's strong suit. You need more than the odd referneed more than the odd reference to the Sagamore Rotary, cranberty juice, and fog to make the reader think he is somewhere other than the all-purpose USA you see in TV Soaps. Lunch, bed, or office, which Mr Higgins describes adequately and often, are the same everywhere.

adequately and often, are the same everywhere.

The sense of Dallas-Dynasty is accentuated by the fact that practically everybody in the book is unpleasant, especially the rich, powerful, and corrupt. But, like TV-Soap, the book is easy to read; and, while TV-Soap there is a lot unlike TV-Soap, there is a lot of quite snappy dialogue. More dialogue than narrative it seems to me; and a lot of TVanchorman to tape recorder. All in all it's an adequate Beta Plus thriller in a respectable tradition. But sure as hell

it ain't Scott Fitzgerald.

Nowhere, by Thomas Berger (Methaen, £8.95). I'm a sucker for a bad pun; so when Russell Wren is accosted on Twenty-Third Street by a derelict, who asks, "Will you buy my birthright for a plut of ige?". I was half won over. By the time Russell has been bombed out of his apartment and hijacked on to Sebastiani Royal Airlines, where the first thing the stewardess says is "Vould you like to skyeese the breasts?", I was fairly certain.

Wren, a playwright who can't get his third act together. has been making a modest living as a store detective in a Manhatten deli. Now he appears to have been assigned to the mid-European principality of San Schastian as an ander-cover agent, disguised in a plaid jacket and polyester trousers of kelly green, turonoise, and magenta.

# It's Soap but

Tim Hezid

**IMPOSTERS** By George V. Hiegins André Deutsch, £9.95

course; but also sprightly, and arch, and mercifully short. Some of the jokes are fearful his fellow spook claims to have a disease so dire that it makes him not only seem drunk but also smell drunk, the Prince is a pederast with a passion for ice cream; and a concierge is put in a pillory with a sign round his neck saying I WAS RUDE. Books like this are 2 welcome antidote to reading another sort of thriller alto-

• First Loyalty, by Richard Lourie (Macmillan, £8.95). There is a grim topicality obout a book that opens in a Soviet Labour camp, with two prisoners discussing imminent release, one to Leningrad, and the other to exile. The second at least is no Shcharansky, for he is the creature of Anton Vinias, head of come SPETSDESINFORM. He is and

not, comrade, what he seems. Meanwhile, in another part of the dooble world, Vanka-Vstankchas has made a breakthrough and discovered that there are "chemical or endocrinological sobstances related to areas of unusual human activity - the longevity of certain Georgians..." If the substances are what we think, then we can all live 40 per cent longer than usual.

The author is a Russian and Polish translator, who apparently knows the Russian exile world in New York. As described here, this has the ring of truth. I'm afraid I was not, however, convinced by the plot, the shooty-bangs, and, least of all, by the clixir of life.

O Walking Shadows, by Fred Taylor (The Bodley Head, £9.95). Swastika on the cover, and Admiral Canaris of the Abwehr appearing in the first few pages ("Ah Otto. You look exhausted, dear boy") arouse strong prejudices in me. I have been here before, and on balance I would prefer not to go again. Nevertheless, this is a very accomplished first oovel, and compares well with most of the Untold Secret Stories of the World War Two sub-genre. I think Mr Taylor may turn out rather well, if only he gets off the beaten track; and comfort may be taken from the fact that he is said to be researching his next book in Australia. Perhaps it will be the definitive Oz blockbuster about the dark, lean, international newspaper proprietor, with the incredibly beautiful blonde wife, who comes out from Down Under

# Growing up today in the US of A

talented and ever-expanding group of American women novelists whose gift lies in the encapsulation of American culture within the framework of family relationships. The variations on a theme are plenty, as each individual imagination invests the material with its own colours. In Country is Miss Mason's first novel. Her trademark is an attention to detail as she writes about the difficulties of a seventeen-year-old girl growing up in a small town in tion. When he is present, the Kentucky. Her points of refer-novel dazzles and entertains ence in the great American with rich imagery, wit, and a

mother's brother, a disturbed nality - though the author is Vietnam veteran whose preoc- one step ahead of this criticupations are more in tune cism, as is clear when Adolphe with Sam's than with those of remarks: "Why is it that when his mature contemporaries, we meet Wonderboy we although awareness of the con-Hayworth? Can it be the on American society. Small shrines a great truth?" The town life is recorded down to the last coke can and ham-hut it doesn't make them great hurger wrapper. The heat and art. emptiness are palpable. Sam's
existence is an alienated one,
despite the fact that she is up in The Lighthouse by
living in the place she grew up
Siegfried Lenz, a remarkable,

television programme, menacing.
M.A.S.H., for instance, is rather laboured), but nonether on its last watch. Freytag, the less she achieves a remarkable ship's captain, has brought his final scene in the book, a mass adolescent son with him on mourning with a refreshing this final duty. Fred believes grain of optimism.

Burning Houses, could be past. The crew pick up three from another planet for all the strangers in a drifting boat, relation it bears to the details who come aboard the anof small town America. Set in chored ship to wait for a lift Paris, it is a very exotic across the channel. A game of creation, not much concerned car and mouse now begins as a with the outer world, and strange relationship builds besometimes rather confusing, tween Freylag and the enig-Charles, a man in his early matic Caspari, the brains thirties, has written an auto- behind the criminal team (for biographical novel about the that is what the three are). ending of his love affair with a freytag is forced to make a married man. Mark. The story of their last few days together is told as a novel within a son understand. A three-way novel, as Charles reads his battle of wills ensues, conductwork to an outrageously camp ed for the most part behind a old film director. Adolphe layer of silence, the dialogue ("the worst in the world after being brief but for the most Ingmar Bergman" he says). part loaded.

The best parts of the novel (and they are very good) are about the relationship between Charles and Adolphe, which emerges as the control of the most part loaded.

Siegfried Lenz is a sixty-year-old German writer who, though popular and celebrated in his own country. brilliant piece of characteriza- pity.

Bobbie Ann Mason provides the latest offering from a Gillian Greenwood

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experience are pop songs and canny observation wrapped in television. high camp style, Everyone Samantha Hughes is the speaks in an aphoristic mandaughter of a man who was ner. The relationship between killed in Vietnam before she Mark and Charles is less was born. She lives with her successful and sinks into bafusing aftermath of Vietnam banality of the movies en-

spare psychological thriller Miss Mason's novel lacks whose tensions, though delibthe skilful construction of erately understated, have an some of her contemporaries' undermining quality that work (the leitmotiv of the makes the novel extremely

his father 10 be a coward; to Andrew Harvey's novel, have a shameful secret in his

which emerges as that of much translated here. On the disciple and guru. Adolphe is a strength of this novel, it is a

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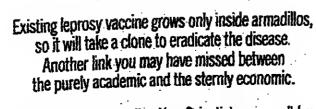
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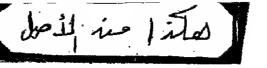
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# DIARY

### Ponting's new target

Does Clive Ponting know some-thing we don't? He is about 10 start writing a book on Lord Wilson of Rievaulx entitled The Wilson Years, just a year after being acquitted on official-secrets charges. Ponuing plans 10 sell his Islington flat and move to the country to write his inagnum opus, which he reckons will take two years. Yesterday Wilson told me he was unaware of the impending book. Ponting whose insider book Whitehall: Troged: ond Farce is to be published this month, should find the Wilson years a rich field. In particular the top-secret Polaris improvement programme. later revealed in have cost a cool billion pounds. should satisfy Ponting's taste for controversies over official secrecy. And what's more, how will Lady Falkender shape up in the book?

### Balancing act

Michael Heselune will not be amused to know that he has unwittingly made a contribution to CND. He took such a shine to a Guardian cartoon of himself that he gave cartoonist Peter Clarke £250 for the original. Clarke's wife, a veteran peace campaigner, hlew her top when she heard and covertly removed the sum from their joint bank account and sent it to CND.

### Facing facts

Norman Howard, chairman of the GLC's historic buildings subcommittee, got a nasty jolt the other day when he ripped off February from his kitchen cal-ender. Illustrating March was a line drawing of St Mary-le-Strand Church, for whose restoration his committee has recently given thousands. The caption reads: "Built by coal owners to celebrate the return of the Tory government..."

### Still game

Tory MP John Carlisle will address the Monday Club at Oxford nfter all. A meeting at Oriel two weeks ago, at which he was to have spoken on South Africa, was called off when he was confronted by a crowd of demonstrators too thick for him to pass. It has now been rescheduled for next week, at a venue to be announced. It will be an all-ticket affair and the police are being kept informed of the arrangements. "This time we are determined the meeting will go ahead," says University Monday Club president Simon Clow.

**BARRY FANTONI** 



'I suppose he's eager to get a knighthood'

### Never too late

We all know how late you can safely ring up a single man (11.30 pm), but what of Mrs Thatcher? Tory MP Peter Bottomley tells me that he was in Brussels during the Heysel Stadium disaster and dared to ring her at 1.30 a m. A bobby was sent up to see if her bedroom light was on. It was. When Bottomley had at last given his news and Mrs T had asked him to "give my very best wishes to everyone in hospital", she broke off, then came back: "Oh! Denis says 'not to the villains'."

### Frocked

Has Rome stolen a march on Canterbury? In a letter asking for a character reference, the head of St Bernard's Roman Catholic school in High Wycombe says the applicant "has applied for the post of Home Economics Assistant (Part-time) at St Bernard's school and has given your name as a priest . . . to whom reference may be made confidentially." The addressee? Miss M Woolcost.

### **UN-privileged**

Lord Trefgame. a government spokesman in the Lords, has confirmed my report that, unlike the USA, Britain is to withdraw United Nations privileges from visiting Unesco officials. Replying to questions about my report, he said international organizations could not "expect to enjoy full privileges and immunities in a state which is not a member". Unesco is being a bit more generous towards us. Its Paris HQ is bonouring an undertaking to put up and entertain 75 British youngsters at a conference next week of the British Council for Education in World Citizenship. "Mr M'Bow [Unesco's head] may speak. It's pretty sporting of them." says the council's director. Margaret Quass.

# Tense time in the BA cockpit

**Duncan Campbell-Smith on the fears that** privatization will stay grounded

nther setback. The accountants and stockbrokers were nriginally set to work on sale documents back in 1980. Then BA was overwhelmed by the world airline recession of 1980-83: its borrowing rocketed and the City turned from speculation about the correct

It is seven years since leading members of Mrs Thatcher's

shadow cabinet disclosed a few tantalizing details of their priv-

atization plans in the run-up to the

May 1979 general election. Prominent then on everyone's list of larget companies was British Air-

ways. And surprising as it may

seem today, the proposal to sell BA, announced in the Commons

by John Non in July 1979. actually marked the inauguration

of the privatization programme.

BA is still awaiting take-off.

This week, not for the first time,

tense discussions are being held in the City and in Whitehall about whether BA should finally be

given the green light. This time, the distinction between another

postponement and an effective

cancellation looks finer than it has

ever been. Lord King, BA's chairman, has made clear his own conviction

that the airline must be sold in

June or July at all costs. Any

attempt by the government to thwart him and his board in the

coming weeks - and there is ev-

ery sign that this could be the

plan - is sure to prompt a dra-

It is not hard to understand the

strong line being taken by King

and his senior executives, the

most conspicuous of whom have ioined BA since 1981 hoping to enjoy a spell at the top of a leading private-sector airline. But their

acute impatience reflects more-

than just accumulated frustration.

fragile credibility in the City might well have trouble surviving an-

The trustees of the Natural His-

tory Museum in South Kensing-ton (that amazing building which

looks as though it was designed by the Emperor Domitian in the last throes of the DTs) have an-nounced that they are to impose a

modest admission charge, starting

at the beginning of April next year.

possibly they thought that by

giving 13 months' notice of their

intention they would escape criti-

cism of the proposal, inevitable if

the shocking news were to be released only on the eve of Black

In this reasonable hope they

were, as I could have told them, reckoning without the Army of the

Righteous, who have dedicated their lives to ensuring that nothing they approve of shall ever be changed. In command of the

vanguard on this ocasion was Lord Jenkins of Putney, never

reluctant to set bis tonsils aquiver

in a bad cause. Before you could

say turnstile, he was accusing the

museum's trustees of wanting to

send small boys up chimneys, and insisting that if the plan were to be

carried through it would in-evitably lead to a vast increase in the incidence of kwasbiorkor, rickets, bilharzia and phossy jaw. This could be the end of

civilization as we know it. Or not,

as the case may be; I bave never

been able to see wby Britain, almost alone among the civilized

nations of the earth, refuses to

charge for admission to the na-

tional art and scientific collec-tions. Nobody thinks it strange

that although the National The-

atre and Covent Garden are heavily subsidized their patrons

still have to pay for their seats, or

that, despile public ownership of

the Post Office, stamps are not

free, or that those who were

responsible for the nationalization

of the mines failed to include a

provision for coal to be given away at the pit-head to anyone bringing a wheelbarrow.

Visitors to Florence must pay to

enter the Uffizi; in Munich a

charge is made for inspection of

the treasures of the Alte Pin-

akothek; the same is true of the

Tuesday.

They fear that BA's already

matic response.

pricing of shares in BA to gossip In 1984 work on the sale documents was resumed, but after six months BA fell foul of the US courts because of its part in the 1982 Laker Airways collapse. Back went the privatization papers into the filing cabinet, where they stayed for most of last year.

Now the airline is trying again. A presentation of its wares has been given to select gatherings all over the country. Stockbrokers have prepared their final selling reports. Media time has been reports. Media time has been booked for a television hlitz. In short. BA's board has already taken a flyer on a July sale - and the cost of another postponement

has risen accordingly.
Other candidates for privatization - notably British Gas would keep BA waiting until well into 1987 . . . and the present bull market cannot last forever.

This week's talks have acquired an added tension because BA is deeply suspicious of the government's motives for even considering another postponement and fears a change of heart.
Two pretexts exist for shelving

the July date. BA is not yet free of the Laker imbroglio. The US anti-trust actions against BA could well be settled on March 17, but others have arisen to worry the Transport Department.

Second, the debate between BA and Whitehall over the airline's finances and their implications for UK domesuc airline competition has become badly tangled, even by the standards of past pre-privatization horse-trading.

From the government's viewpoint, both issues demand extreme caution. On the legal front, BA protests that the sums involved are now relatively insignificant and the potential for embarrassment strictly limited. The civil servants are not so sure. BA offered uncomfortably similar reassurances for most of 1984, until the Laker action blew up only days before a firm commitment was to be made to a February 1985 privatization date.

On the finances, the Treasury appears to have no crying need for the proceeds of a BA sale during 1986/7. And the government is still concerned about what a private-sector BA might do to its domestic competitors, were it to be unleashed with one of the most powerful balance sheets in the international industry and freedom to flex it at will.

The Civil Aviation Authority

proposed radical reforms two years ago aimed at exactly this problem: but they were com-prehensively disregarded in a white paper, Airline Competition Policy, in October 1984. Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, has now been reminding Transport Department of-ficials of their promises since 1984 to numure more competition in the UK sector.

to its present rude health?

But as the company's financial recovery suggests, great sacrifices have been made in the name of BA's sale since 1979 - not least by pected to lead them from the

Duncon Compbell-Smith, of

The question this week is bow far Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, is prepared to endanger the sale of BA in order to avoid potential complications over the latest US courtroom dramas or the impact of BA on its commercial rivals. Have the attractions of privatizing BA begun to fade altogether, now that the lure of the marketplace has belped restore it

Ridley himself, since it was he in 1984 who swept aside the CAA's earlier objections over com-petition. There are many both inside BA and beyond who would see a cancelled sale, after seven tortured years, as a breach of political faith. King can be ex-

McKinsey & Co. is the outhor of Struggle for Take-Off: The British-Airways Story. to be published by Coronet on April 3.

### Bernard Levin



# A means test without the meanness

As il happens, the Natural History Museum is instituting charges because the alternative would be to sack 80 members of the staff, which I should have thought Lord Jenkins would deplore even more strongly. But given the fact that even Maecenas and Lorenzo de Medici had to draw the line somewhere, there will never be enough money for museums and galleries to put on as many exhibitions as they would like, or to improve their buildings to the extent that they would like, or to acquire as many additions to their collections as they would like; what is the objection to their charging reasonable sums (with concessions to the truly unmonied and a free day a week) to those who wish to enter, and whatever the objection is, why does it not apply to the rest of the world?

Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, the Prado in Madrid, the Kunst-I do not see why we should stop historischesmuseum in Vienna. the Museum of Fine Arts in at art galleries. Apart from the apparently implacable resolve on the part of the librarians to extirpate the practice of reading. Brussels, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Louvre in Paris. Indeed, of some 40 public galleries and museums in Paris, all hut three charge for admission. what was the real reason that authors were paid for library loans of their books not by a charge of a penny a book a withdrawal, but by the weird, cumbersome and inadthough almost all of these have at least one day a week when the fee is waived, as do almost all the equate system that was finally adopted, Public Lending Right? It places on my list. And it is not selfevident that the citizens of Italy and West Germany, of the Netherwas, surely, our national determination to go on pretending, in the teeth of the evidence, that lands and Spain, of Austria, Belgium. America and France, have less artistic sensibility than we do, and even if it were, that there is a free lunch, that resources are infinite, that Christmas comes might not necessarily be the direct far more often than once a year, consequence of the fact that they charge for admission and we do that it is profoundly immoral to

I will go further. Try 10 put oul of your mind your knowledge that I wish to send women down the mines and restore the Combination Acts, the Elizabethan Poor Law and the Slave Trade: can you tell me, coherently, wby those who can afford to pay for some or even all of their medical treatment under the National Health Service should not do so? I do not use the NHS, but I have an unrestricted right to, and if I did, I would not think it odd, let alone outrageous, for a man with my income to make up at least some of the expense incurred by the taxpayers (despite the fact that I am one of them) whenever any of my numerous, distressing and astonishingly varied diseases has to be attended to. What is more, I would not think it wrong for a man with considerably less than my income to be obliged to stump up something towards his medical treatment, be it no more than £1 for a visit to the doctor and a fiver for an operation. Such rates would still be far below what the facilities cost, and there is already a precedent in the charges for NHS

prescriptions.
You see what I am getting at? If you do, but are so appalled hy it that you find it too painful to dwell upon, let me do the dwelling. What is wrong with a means test? Not what was wrong; the old one, before the Second World War, earned its odium by the crude and offensive way in which it was drawn up and applied. But for the life of me. I cannot see why

administered form of it is in itself a sin that cries aloud to heaven.

It takes not more than seven seconds' thought to realize that we already have a gigantic means lest, enforced throughout the land and applying to all classes and conditions. It is the progressive income tax, under the terms of which, when a government wishes lo spend or waste a few billion pounds, it raises the wind by confiscating, without apology or thanks, much of the income earned by the cilizens, wilb those who earn more obliged (very properly) to pay more. And, most curiously, this means test is not denounced, indeed is applauded. by those who scream themselves hoarse at the suggestion of graded payments for medical treatment, let alone graded reductions in welfare benefits.

Or charges for admission to museums and art galleries maintained at public expense, even if there are no such charges on Sundays; which is where I started. The denouncers and hoarsescreamers point to the terrible example of the Victoria and Albert Museum, which has recently begun to solicit a voluntory entrance fee of £2, and has seen its attendance figures fall sharply. My view of the V & A's scheme is that £2 is too high and the voluntary nature of the charge absurd, but that the principle is valid. Let Sir Roy Strong reduce the charge to 50p and make it compulsory, and then keep his nerve; within a year, everyone will have forgotten that was ever free, and will be banding over the money without demur or even thought. It will be easier, of course, if other public museums and galleries were to do the same, and I bope they will. And if they won't, perhaps the government, when it has finished re-enacting the legislation for whipping sturdy beggars through the streets at the cart's tail, might take a deep breath and compel

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# charge anybody for anything ex-cept in a shop, if there. Taking refuge in the reference books

The addition this year of Birmingham as a centre for a regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship has lessened the pressure on Bristol and obviated the need to eliminate any of the competitors there. Londoners, however, must continue to fight for survival in the championship, and an Eliminator puzzle. Nn 16,980, was set for them in last Thursday's paper. As solvers may have noticed, this puzzle was intentionally diffi-cult and, unusually, reference books were needed for its solution. Competitors who have qualified for the London A and B finals will be informed as soon as the entries have been checked. In the mean-time here is a layman's guide to the answers. (See solution above today's crossword.)

Across: 1. CLAW-HAMMER is facctious for a dress coat, so one may seize, or claw, the forger (tabrication for the blacksmith's hammer) who is wearing it. 6. FAZE, sounding like (in a whisper) phase, or stage, 9. A measure, cm. for (i.e. instead of) den PHS (study), in the word denigration, giving EMIGRATION, 10, NISI,

Latin for 'save' or 'except'. hidden in 'an agonising fate'. 12. SHEM — She (Rider Haggard's Ayesha) + m (abhreviation for married). Shem being the brother of Ham. the namesake of Ham Peggotty in David Copperfield. 13. The Woman in White refers not to the novel by Wilkie Collins but to PIERETTE, the feminine of the French pantomime figure pierrot who had a whitened face and hat, a performer on the pier ("over-seas"). 15. ALGERNON Mon-crieff in *The Importance of Being* Eornesi had a flat in Half-Moon Street and turned out to be Jack Worthing's brother. 16. STRATI. or sheets of cloud, anagram of ARTIST. 18. DATA (facts) re-flected or reversed in MI (State of Michigan or Mississipi) = MA-TADI, chief port of Zaire. 20. DRY-PLATE, a sensitized photographic plate from which a picture can be made without preliminary use of bath. 23. A GHOST-WORD ("spirit-message") is a word that arises from error, for example Tweed which was a misreading of tweel, the Scottish form of twill. 24. AE, the penname of George William Russell,

Irish poet and journalist, round PS ("writing under signature") = APSE. 26. NAIL. driven hy Jael through Sisera's temples (Judges 4.2 ft). 27. Sides of HAM = H & M. each with OGEN (anagram of GONEI = HOGEN MOGEN meaning Holland or The Netherlands (See Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable). 28. IRMA appears backwards in Amritsar, the City of the Golden Temple. 29. the City of the Golden Temple. 29.
Talk or CHAT to ELAINE, the
Lily Maid of Astolat, whose story
is told in Tennyson's Lancelot and
Eloine = CHATELAINE, a key-

Down: 1. "From CLEE to heaven the beacon burns" (.4 Shropshire Lad). 2. A BISH (mistake) over A G(-string) = ABISHAG, the Shunammite virgin brought in to warm David in his old age by lying in his bosom (Judges 1,1-4). 3. "Es a kind of giddy HAR-UMFRODITE." Kipling's description in Soldier an' Sailor 100 of a Jolly of Broad Marine. a Jolly, or Royal Marine. 4. METAPHOR - Pa (father) reversed in anagram of mother. 5. EPOPEE, an epic: the poet POPE in the middle of Greece. 7. The heroine of the light opera Noughty

Marietto going topless becomes ARIETTA a little aria or air. 8. E(astern) PI-MEN (divines) IDES (March 15) = EPIMEN IDES, Cretan religious teacher (and an early Rip Van Winkle) — see Brewer. 11. "I can trace my ancestry back to a PROTO-PLASMAL atomic globule...I was born sneering" — Poob Bah, The Mikado. 14. SALMAGUN-DI, or The Whim Whams and Opinions of Launcelot Langstoff Opinions of Launcelot Langstoff Esq & Others, saurical essays and poems by Washington Irving and others. 17. GRADIENT, anagram (indicated by The Vortex) of TRAGEDIAN minus A. 19. Most of THe O (love) IS inside MM (messions) by the determine of (messieurs) = the doctrine of THOMISM. 21. EG, example, in ASSA1, the Italian "very" in music = ASSEGA1. 22. L (left) in MOOCH (skulk) = MOLOCH, "horrid king, besmear'd with blood", (Milton, Paradise Lost). 25. An/seri/ne, or like a goose, leaves ANNE when disheartened. (.ind invopologies to any of you who were).

John Grant

# Ronald Butt Why the Tories must take care

By using the little grey cells, one can usually predict the outcome of the next election at this stage of a parliament. Thus it was clear by the end of 1968 that Harold Wilson would be ejected, as he was in 1970 for failing to deliver his inflated promises. The nation's memory would defeat bim.

It had been equally clear in advance that Mr Wilson would appear to 1964.

oust the Tories in 1964, since a wind of intellectual fashion was blowing for the classless, social democratic party into which Labour had apparently been transformed. The nation wanted a

wholly new dispensation, just as when it replaced James Callaghan by Mrs Thatcher in 1979.

Today, Mrs Thatcher is not at risk for failing to fulfil her principal promises. She has drastically are infection, reformed and tically cut inflation; reformed and democratized the unions; denationalized industries on a scale few had thought possible and spread ownership. All this has been so popular that David Owen is now preaching the social market economy, and Neil Kinnock has relevated to particularization to the relegated re-nationalization to the bottom of Labour's priorities.

Nor is Mrs Thatcher likely to be turned out because there is a wind of mtellectual fashion against her and for either of the opposition parties. Why, then, have so many moved from her? The reason is their belief that there are now new priorities which ought to replace the old ones, and that Mrs
Thatcher does not understand
this. They feel morally uncomfortable and unhappy. As Gallup has
shown, on all the social issues (principally unemployment fol-lowed by health and education) the overwhelming verdict is that Labour would handle them best, followed by the Alliance and with the Tories third.

It is sometimes said that because those in work prosper, unemployment is less politically important than it seems. But it is a mistake to think that unemployment will swing seats only where it is very bigh, if that were so, why should the Tories be under so grave a threat from the Alliance in the prosperous South? There is more altruism in voting than is supposed — provided not voting Tory doesn't let Labour in.

In the social area which now causes most public concern, the government is paying the price for failing to attempt the radical. reforms to which it was originally attached, and for showing clear signs of not knowing what to do next, It was implicit in its original programme that it would some-how reform the social services to concentrate funds where the real nceds are. Instead, fearing radical change, it bas trimmed funds where expedient, too often harming the good more than the inessential. Il was also supposed to the failings of the comprehensive system (for which Labour was largely responsible) being one of the Tories 1979 advantages.

Instead, it has introduced a small but useful assisted places scheme, and Sir Keith Joseph has valuably inspired a new approach to the curriculum. But it has done nothing radical Instead, the schools have been locked in a devastating strike, for which political clumsiness as well as union militancy is responsible, and the government has wasted its energy talking about a voucher scheme which its officials have talked it out of. Now Mrs. Thatcher talks of going up that

path again. More generally, concern about health and essential social services will not be stilled by bandying figures of higher spending, any more than worry about old people dying of hyperthermia will be stilled by reeling off figures to., show how much more the government is spending on their heating. When Mrs Thatcher did that in the Commons on Tuesday she simply sounded as though she' minds more about defending her record than thinking of new ways

of tackling the problem.

Reciting high spending figures simply sounds hard-faced and uncaring. The public judges these things not from figures but from what it knows from its local. experience about (say) the problems of hospital admissions, or from what it reads in the papers. Ministers taking their stand on total figures sound uncaring be-cause they have been so long in office. They sound not like responsive politicians but civil servants obsessed with the letter of the law.

Mrs Thatcher should face the ... fact that the credit for past successes is being used up. More-over, the intellectual climate which sustained her before and after 1979 has lost force, partly, one suspects, because the government's failure to attempt m -. practice the ideas it applauded in \_\_\_ theory suggests that they weren't ... very practical after all. Mean-while, the government wastes its energies on tortnous policies (first there was local government; now there is the over-sweeping bill on Sunday trading) which offend many of its natural supporters.

Applauded for what it has done, disliked for what it is doing and failing to do, criticized for incompetence over Westland, the government is faced by a Labour Party trying 10 shed its leftist image and an Alliance which is likely to get new credibility from the May local elections, from its certain by-election capture of Derbyshhire West and possible victories in Fulham and, con-ceivably, Ryedale, A growing number of people would vote for Owen and the

Alliance if they thought it would nol let Labour in, and they could get thal reassurance from theseelection elues. For the first time! unpredictable general election, coming. The government has no reason for despair, but every reason for worry and action.

### moreover . . . Miles Kington

# Incongruities incorporated

I am a great fan of radio, which I consider to be an advanced form of television. (The pictures on TV are very drab and mundane compared to the mental pictures produced by radio.) But I had forgotten until last week that Radio 4 is also responsible for the invention of a kind of English which is not found anywhere else in the media: the radio link. This consists of taking two topics which have absolutely nothing in com-mon and then finding a link between them, and the more tortuous the better.

The example I beard last week came from a presenter who was linking a murder thriller to a programme about cheese-making. Before I tell you how she did it, perhaps you would care to think how you would find a connection between murder and cheese. Give up? Well, she said: "And from something blood-curdling to something rather more milk-

Once you get the way their minds work, it becomes a little easier. She might equally well have said: "And so from the gruesome to the Gruyere..." Or perhaps: "After the rising gorge, we move to the Cheddar Gorge..." If, on the other hand, she had been looking for a move from palaeontology to cheese-making, it would be: "From the world of the Nearnderthal to the world of the Neanderthal to the world of the Emmenthal." It's like

a game really.
That's probably how they do it at Radio 4, as a kind of game.
They're sitting round in the Radio Link department, hugging their mugs of tea, and somebody says: "All right, how do you get from opera to natural history? Thirty seconds, everyone." After 30 seconds, somebody says. "And so from the world of Madam Butterfly, we move to the world of real

butterflies."

"Mmm. not bad," says someone else, "but how about, From the world of the Merry Widow to the world of the black widow." "Or, how about: Die Fledermaus of course means a bat.

and that's exactly what we'll be looking at..." "No, no. That's a link into a cricket commentary."

spread into anything else. It seems-a natural way of doing the Radio 4' news headlines: "New controls were announced today by President Mubarak to bring tourism back to Egypt. And talking of pyramid selling, that's just one of the many financial devices that Mrs Thatcher promised this afternoon to examine more closely, as she spoke in the Mother of. Parliaments. But it was the mother of Russian dissident Yuriof Russian dissident YuriOrlovsky who made the headlines
in Moscow today with a brave
declaration of liberty. A brave
declaration of another kind was
made by David Gower in Jamaica,
where Fugland are only 256 where England are only 356 behind the West Indies and their steaming attack, though steaming is hardly the word to apply to the weather which will continue cold and frosty. Now the news in detail . . .

You couldn't run whole pro-grammes like that, though could you? Well, I'm not so sure. Richard Baker does it on Stan the Richard Baker does it on Stan the Week by turning the speciality of one guest into a question for all his guests, and Libby Purves is starting to do it on Midweek. The other day she had an American guest who had written a flip work on philosophy, and she found herself asking another guest about his philosophy, and she found herself asking another guest about his concept of the world. As be was a Scottish bagpiper who had been invited to speak about piping, he was understandably flummoxed. I don't think Lihby Purves realized what she was doing; she had just fallen under the spell of the Radio 4 link school of linguistics.

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This sort of thing, thank good, ness, has not yet spread to Radio 3, where they continue to concentrate single-mindedly on organ recitals and lieder. Talking of leaders, that's exactly what you will find on the page opposite this piece; and if it's organ recitals you organ. prefer, you only have to turn to our medical report. Reports of a different kind are regularly ringing out in Beirut, though if it's. out in Beirut, though if it's Bayreuth and not Beirut you're interested in, there's almost certainly an opera piece on the arts page, and talking of pages, the Court Circular will tell you all you want to know. But for those more interested in the North Circular interested in the North Circular,

What's amazing is that this sort our traffic report of contorted thinking has not Not a game. More a disease.



# COUNCILLORS AND THE LAW

Mr Derek Hatton and Mr Ted for the Environment, Mr Pat- ters of a government not Knight imported into local rick Jenkin, to make a con- usually counted friendly to the Seovernment ideologies alien to the proper management of common services. In a regime of grants and revenues requiring special prudence they played fast and loose. They were warned, by their own officials, by the district auditor, even by the leaders of their own party. They persisted, and caused a loss of the public money they were in office to steward and conserve. Such abuse of trust deserves pen-

The manners and methods of Militant and the fact of ethe parallel conviction of several of the surcharged Liverpool councillors by the Labour Party will make yesterday's municipal pumishment seem appropriate. But the rightness of the judgement and the procedure used against the Lambeth and Liverpool councillors must not be allowed to

Hatton. The judges carefully examined the manner of decisionmaking in the two council chambers last year. They dem-

Grate were taken for the crudest of political reasons - to frighten or cajole the government into coming up with extra money. No one who listened to winter debates within the Labour Party in 1984-85 can doubt that was the reasoning employed by the Lambeth and Liverpool activists. It also has to be said that the lever in much of their discussion was the decision by the former Secretary of State Environment and other quar- raised its price.

Despite Mr Jenkin's protestations there was a belief that he would repeat his act in 1985. The councillors made a political miscalculation. But . because they did so significant sums of public money were lost. The judges have, not for the first time, clarified the boundary between party politics and the operation of public agencies. The law, for local government, makes it plain that political gamesmanship is not a valid reason for manipulating the budget mak-

ing process.

The despatch of Mr Hatton and Mr Knight does not end the case. The terms of the judgement, despite some equivocation on dates by Lord Justice Glidewell, clearly open the possibility of suits against turn on the conceit of a Derek balf a dozen other councils including Camden and Sheffield. It is no good for the Audit Commission to insinuate that this should be a matter for private prosecution. The onstrated, pretty clearly, that Commission may be reluctant decisions to delay making a to involve itself further in politics, but it cannot extricate instigated the punishment of the Liverpool and Lambeth councillors, it really must proceed with actions against the others. Equality of treatment

> And at that point the wider implications of this judgement must be considered - not least in the Department of the tion. They have certainly

demands that

cessionary payment to municipal cause. To hold Liverpool City Council in councillors responsible for an abuse of trust and remove them from office is one thing but it is quite another to bankrupt a group which, standing behind Mr Hatton and Mr Knight in mistaken but sincere support, includes a number of common people of small or negligible means.

> Pursuing them for the surcharge is a heavy fate; even harder is to impose on them the cost of an action which, at the very least, has served a useful general purpose by clarifying the operation of the

> 1982 Rates Act and other law. It is pertinent to remark bow few other public officials, elected and unelected, stand to be have their financial decisions held up to minute scrutiny by the likes of the district auditor. There are many public officials who, without penalty, have lost the public purse considerably larger sums than the £230,000 involved here.

To make councillors so specially responsible raises the question of incentives to local office holding. If local governitself at this point. Having ment - meaning the honest use of discretion by elected members - matters then the calibre and number of candidates for office matters too. The judges, in their wise determination of this case, may have hastened the decline of local government by raising yet another barrier to discretionary local administra-

### A WASTED EMERGENCY

The declaration of the State of of the army from the town-sharing with the country's Emergency in South Africa eight months ago was a double-barrelled political gesture. It was designed to allay rightwing fears that Pretoria was losing its grip and to shock the .unruly township mobs into really necessary. The South event Pretoria succeeded only in shooting itself in the foot

Far from putting out the fire of black rage, the presence of the police and the army in South Africa's townships tuelled it to the point where, despite all President Botha's assurances to the contrary, the death toll today is as high as it has ever been.

But the damage was not restricted to the black ghettoes. There is little doubt that the State of Emergency, a tacit admission by Pretoria that South Africa was in deep trouble, hastened its international isolation, brought foreign camera crews and journalists flocking to its shores in the mistaken belief that the revolution was at hand and persuaded foreign bankers and investors that their funds were under threat.

es Kintig

It also added the withdrawal Council to negotiate power-

ships to a lengthening list of non-negotiable demands by black activists. The irony was that, apart from the perceived need for a political gesture, the State of Emergency was not ers of arrest and detention to deal with civil unrest. Indeed, Emergency is lifted, those powers may be extended to arising from their actions in

situations of unrest. But just as the imposition of the State of Emergency was a political gesture, its lifting at a time when the violence continues unabated, has a similar political intention. It will certainly produce a collective sigh of relief in Western capitals. but its main purpose must be to persuade at least some black leaders to leave the streets and return to the negotiating

chamber. There is little doubt that Pretoria has been deeply shocked by the general rejection of its offer of a Statutory

black majority. It is to be hoped that President Botha's announcement, despite the hint of further police powers, will help at least some black leaders across that stile.

One of the most distressing, obedience to the state. In the 'African security forces already if largely unreported, elements possessed extraordinary pow- in the complex South African equation has been the horrifying increase in violence by it would seem that, even as the blacks upon blacks in recent months. Tribal faction fighting has exacted a growing grant the police permanent while a spate of political immunity against prosecution executions carried out by warring black opposition groups has splintered their ranks even further.

Since President Botha feels secure enough to lift the State of Emergency, the black oppo-sition should realise that unrest is not about to topple the South African regime. It should start thinking instead about the kind of future it wants to inherit.

The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start. The lifting of the State of Emergency could provide the opportunity, however slight, for leaders to succeed where the mobs have failed.

latter's continuing refusal to

accept UN Security Council

Resolutions 242 and 338 (with

acknowledgement of Israel's

right to exist). The next option

for the disenchanted Husain

support to the moderate West

Bank leaders - of whom al-

notable. His assassination (possibly by Ahu Nidal) would

seem to have blocked that

The most obvious road is

Amman). Syria has a role to

play in the Middle East which

is important - and could be

However opposed the Syr-

ian government may now be to

the politics of compromise.

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### SYRIA'S UNACCEPTABLE FRIENDS

The Fatah Revolutionary Organization, better known by the name of its founder Abu Nidal, is held to have been responsible for the loss of 90 lives last year. The Christmas attacks at Rome and Vienna airports were just the most graphic illustration of its meth-

The hrutality of Abu Nidal's campaign does little for the future of Palestinians and still less for the reputations of those countries which tolerate its activities. Those countries include Syria, whose foreign minister has been in Britain this week as an official guest of the Government

Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, at a press conference yesterday, argued that the organization's office in Damascus was concerned with politics and the press, that "not even a knife" was allowed into the building by the Syrian authorities. His country opposed violence, regretted that so many innocent civilians had been hurt. But its policy was to give sanctuary to all those who stood for the Palestinian cause. even those with whom it disagreed. Even Yassir Arafat was allowed there, he explained.

### Nimrod decision

From Commander Peter Bruce.

Sir. Your leader (February 28) about the £900m Nimrod debacte shows, with bindsight, this affair was another triumph of ambitious home sales talk over common sense. So the Defence Secretary, seemingly, is going to righten up

This is not good enough. There is an argument, it is true, that it makes sense to allow one's enemies to expose themselves - that even the tip of the iceberg gives some indication of what might lie below. I it the hlind eye which Syria turns was to turn for Palestinian towards it makes a nonsense of this claim. The one characteristic which Abu Mari was among the more Nidal's unfortunate targets share is that they support, or their governments support, a policy of compromise in the alternative. So where does Middle East. If Syria wants to Husain turn next? become a leading influence upon the course of even is there that to Damascus (in fact it is must come a time when it President Assad's turn to go to publicly and find disassoci-terror and there those who

But who is no is prepared to do s remains very questionable. he murder of Mr From all asri, the moderate Paleitiman leader wbo was gunnee down outside Nabius fort le on the West Bank at the weekend, was the second and ethaps fatal blow to the place crocess which had recently owed so much to the efforts of King Husain. The first had been the breakdown and Yassir Arafat over the

procurement procedures. This is

In 1976 it was crystal clear to

some that Nimrod was likely to be

another lame attempt to match the

USA in technology in one bound.

Either we should go back to the

time the decision was made and

parade those politicians and Ser-

vices officers who got it right or

wrong, Alternatively, have Service

twaddie.

however strongly it supports

policies which Israel is unlikely to accept, President Assad will have to face up to the fact that sooner or later he will have to bend. He could start now by demonstrating that Syria is prepared to take a firmer stand against those like Abu Nidal whose activities set in dialogue between Amman them apart from all men of good will.

officers stay in the jon much

longer, so at least someone will

believe he will still be around

when the project is due to come to fruition. Yours etc. PETER BRUCE. Kestrel Cottage, Shirley Holms.

Lymington, Hampshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Danger of delay on whisky bid

From Lord Polwarth
Sir, I have not intervened to take sides in the contest for the hand of the Distillers Company, but it is important that wider considerations be taken into account than simply the possibility of domestic monopoly which led to the reference of the original Guinness proposals to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The recent House of Lords Select Committee on Overseas Trade, of which I was a member, emphasised the vital need for export-led growth of our industries if the country is to survive the inevitable run-down of North Sea oil without a grave reduction in our standard of living. Few industries have such a record of, and potential for, contributing to our export growth as the Scotch

whisky industry.

Guinness have now withdrawn their original offer and submitted a fresh one which would result in a less dominating position in the UK market, while still creating a strong and competitive worldwide marketing group.

In considering whether to refer this new offer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, I would therefore urge the Government to bear in mind the delay, probably of several months, which would result from such a ref-erence, and the immediate advantage which this would give to the other hidder.

Whichever suitor would make a more satisfactory match, at least let them both contest it from an equal start, without one of them having their hand tied behind their back from the word "go". Yours faithfully, POLWARTH, House of Lords. March 3.

### 'The Holocaust'

From Dr A. Polonsky Sir, I was moved by the savage indignation which pervaded Piers Brendon's review (February 27) of Martin Gilbert's The Holocaust. But in one area his anger at the Nazi crimes committed against the Jews leads him astray. To claim that "the Poles tried to complete Hitler's work after the war" is a travesty of the truth.

It is true that a fair number of Jews died in the near civil war which racked Poland between 1944 and 1948. Some of these deaths were the result of clearly anti-Semitic incidents, the worst of which was the pogrom in Kielce in July, 1946, in which at least 36 Jews died. Yet to hold "the Poles" responsible for these tragic events

is quite unfair. The anti-Jewish violence was condemned by the communistdominated Polish Government, the official and still legal oppo-sition beaded by Stanislav Mikolajizyk, all the still functioning anti-communist underground forces with the exception of a small openly pro-fascist group, and the Polish Government in London.

Moreover, a number of serious analysis have argued that the Kielce pogrom was the result of a provocation on the part of some communist officials which aimed at embarrassing the opposition by tainting it with anti-Semitism.

No one would wish to deny the existence in Poland of anti-Semitic feelings. But the simple equation of the Poles with the Nazis is grossly unfair and inhibits a clear-sighted and dispassionate analysis of the tragic fate of both Jews and Poles which is so vital if we are to move away from the harmful stereotypes of the past. Yours sincerely ANTONY POLONSKY,

President. institute for Polish Jewish Studies,

45 St Giles, Oxford. February 27.

Paying for gas From Mr J. C. Jones

Sir, I have received an estimate for installing a gas supply which specifies "cash with order". The estimating engineer quoted a delay of at least seven weeks before the work would be started.

How can the gas board justify the imposition of an interest-free loan of some hundreds of pounds? Yours faithfully, J. C. JONES.

Ashgrove Farm. Ashgrove Road. Sevenoaks. Kent. February 24.

### Silence out of court

From Mr Patrick Healy Sir. Bernard Levin (February 28) and the Lord Chancellor argue that judges should be inrhidden from making extra judicial ul-terances in public. Lord Hailsham claims additional vigour for this view from the so-called Kilmuir rules, which to him represent the consensus of the judiciary in favour of a self-imposed vow of silence. Both fear that judicial loquacity is inimical to the independence of the judiciary and that it would compromise impartiality in the administration

of justice. Their fears would be well founded if judges allowed themselves unbridled licence to give partisan and polemical opinions on matters of public controversy. But matters of controversy do not exhaust the range of public interest and I would suggest that judicial comments on non-contentious matters of public interest

would be welcome. It would be difficult to prescribe

### Anomalies on Sunday trading

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter Sir, The Cardinal Archhishop of Westminster, in his letter which you publish today (March 1)

pleads for the kind of Sunday which had disappeared in this country, and in other advanced countries, long before the Shops Bill was introduced. It could not be recreated if that Bill were rejected. In this country at present four

million people work regularly on Sundays. They work in continu-ous-process industries, such as cement, in hotels and catering, in transport, in the media, in electricity, in gas, and public services generally, and also in residential establishments. Did Cardinal Hume dispense with domestic and catering services on Sunday at Ampleforth? If his Eminence really wants to

create the kind of Sunday which sounds so attractive in his letter. he will need to agitate for the prohibition, presumably backed by the criminal penalties which at present apply to shops, of all these activities. He would then be quite logical in his opposition to the

freeing of shops.

So far as his suggestion of a compromise on shops is con-cerned, the Auld committee found, after full inquiry, that there was no compromise which would not create further anomalies and unfairness.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, BOYD-CARPENTER, House of Lords.

From Sir David Price, MP for Eastleigh (Conservative) Sir, in his St David's Day letter to you about Sunday trading, Cardinal Hume reaffirmed his support for the "Keep Sunday Special Campaign". At the same time, he pleaded with the Government "to establish a compromise that secures the common good",

In my judgement, such a compromise lies readily at hand, waiting to be used. It is to be found in paragraphs 219-221 of the Auld committee report, entitled "local decisions". The thrust of this compromise lies in the following quotation from paragraph 219:

... shopping seems to us to be one area where a reasonable case might be made for local discretion. Shopping is primarily a local activity, employing local people and it would be local residents who would be disturbed by any untoward noise or traffic congestion.

The local authorities have long experience as the enforcement agencies for trading hours, so there would be nothing new in placing the responsibility upon them. There are numerous variations of the local option compromise.

The local option amendment moved in the House of Lords was too complicated to survive. I simpler version. Each local authority would be required to determine only two issues. First. will the local authority permit Sunday opening in its borough or district? Secondly, if the answer is in the affirmative, what are to be the permitted hours? These two issues could be settled either by

### English misused

From Mr. M. S. E. Robin Sir, The comments (February 25) by several professors of engineering on the declining standard of English mastered by engineers are certainly well founded. What they did not mention, however, is the appalling inability of British professional engineers to speak European languages.

Departments of engineering in the United Kingdom fail to encourage students to study other languages and certainly fail almost totally in the provision of language courses. When these are available they are often poorly taught and understaffed.

There are, of course, exceptions, but when one considers the emphasis on these skills amongst our European counterparts we

should be very worried. L'Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne states that for chemical engineers, to know English and German is "indispensable dans la vie professionelle". German and Swiss universities allow their students to study for a year in another country as a recognised part of their course. British universities

do not accept this. If Britain wishes to regain her former engineering prowess, she must realise that insularity is a hindrance. Yours thithfully,

M. S. E. ROBIN. Imperial College, SW7. February 27.

### a definition of non-contentious matters, and not least because the substance of future litigatinn cannot easily be foreseen. Such a

definition, however, is probably

unnecessary. Judges accept as a condition of office that they cannot speak about matters sub judice and they are selected partly on the basis that their qualities include the good sense and self-discipline to observe principles of this kind. At the same time many judges publish extra-judicial writings of an analytical or scholarly nature and though these convey the opinions of their authors it has not yet been argued that activities of this kind are incompatible with the duties

ol a judge. Can we not trust the judiciary to exercise their judgement to refrain from expressing opinion that would compremise their ability to adjudicate impartially? Judges, excluding perhaps the Lord Chancellor tend to be tight-lipped people; no doubt they would be loath to speak publicly on matters of general concern that are unthe elected councillors or hy a

local referendum. This compromise avoids all the manifest difficulties of exemption by type of shop, size of shop, periods of the year, and all the other exemptions which were examined and dismissed by the Auld committee.

It is true that the Auld committee having examined variations of the local option compromise de-cided against them, because in their view local option 'would aggravate the variations that the present inconsistent enforcement of the law has produced". In fact my compromise would eliminate most of the anomalies of the present Shops Act, because if shops were permitted to open, they could sell anything they wanted, so that the only problem of enforcement would be one of pronts.

might lead to variations from one district to the next. No doubt this would offend the contralists amongst us, but were differences in the past in early closing hours so devastating? In any case, what is so offensive in differing expressions of local democracy?

Space forbids me to spell out my local option compromise in more detail, including possible nation-ally determined exemptions such as the sale of newspapers, but I offer it to the Government in the spirit of St Mark's Gospel that, "the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sahbath". Yours faithfully.

DAVID PRICE House of Commons. March 3.

From Mr Roben Hicks, MP for Cornwall South East (Conserrative)

Sir. The Cardinal Archhishop of Westminster argues persuasively for keeping a balance on the sensitive issue of Sunday trading. Few would question his analysis of the existing situation.

The Cardinal understandably advocates a compromise solution on the basis of a legal framework. The key question surely is whether or not such a compromise is available on a sound and sustain-able statutory basis.

Partial restriction must imply the arbitrary drawing of limits. This could be based on the hours that shops may open, restricting the numbers they employ, or limiting the range of products they are allowed to sell. Local authority discretion has also been suggested as a possibility.

Legislation on the basis of any of these or a combination would most certainly in practice again result in the growth of anomalies and inconsistencies that currently

I for one would be delighted and indeed relieved if a satisfactory formula could be found that combines choice and an absence of absurdities. Perhaps the Cardinal could oblige - since at the moment I can see no alternative to the Government's proposals. Yours faithfully. ROBERT HICKS

### House of Commons.

Keeping out the cold From Mrs Atsuko Sakiyama Sir, In Japan, in the old days, a hole for a furnace was dug in the centre of the living room and a table was placed over it. We used to use solid charcoal balls for fuel and cover the table with a quilt and place a wooden board on it.

Nowadays the charcoal balls are replaced by an electric heater (koratsu) which is attached to the underside of the table board. We can put a kotatsu anywhere in our houses or flats without digging holes in the floor. You only need to lay a rug on the floor, place a kotatsu above it cover it in the usual way and switch on. In this way you can save fuel charges incredibly.

A kototsu is never a shabhy piece of furniture. When you provide a beautiful quilt with a wooden board, it looks gorgeous and once you are accustomed to its comfortable warmth you won't

be able to leave it. It is an ideal way of keeping you warm because your legs and feet feel warm while your head is kept in cold temperature. You can enjoy writing, reading, cating, playing cards and many other things on the table. It assures you will be very warm physically as well as financially, and will save many people from hypothermia. Yours sincerely. ATSUKO SAKIYAMA. 61 Hodford Road, NW11.

February 28. related to the administration of justice. Freedom of speech is quite compatible with a judge's path of office if exercised with circumspect discretion. In view of the myriad weighty matters that are entrusted to the judiciary i am

confident that the judges would

exercise this discretion wisely. There is no basis for saying that extra-judicial silence is a superior virtue and there is no demonstrable need for positive rules on the subject. Indeed, the

Kilmuir rules are otiose. The position espoused by Mr Levin and Lord Hailsham implies. of course, that judges would transgress their strictures if they were to participate in the public discussion of the right of judges to participate in public discussions.

It is a silly idea. Yours sincerely. PATRICK HEALY. University of Oxford. Centre for Secio-Legal Studies. Wolfson College. Oxford. Fehruary 28.



### ON THIS DAY

MARCH 6 1934

Rasputin was murdered on December 29/30, 1916 and his killer, Prince Youssoupoff (1887-1967) was exiled by the Czar to Kursk In August, 1934 MGM,

which had made a film on Rasputin, and Youssoupoff's wife, Princess Irina, who died in 1970, agreed to cease all litigation, on condition that the film contained a statement that the part of Notasho was fictional. The film was first shown in London in June, 1933 with Lionel Barrymore as Rasputin.

### Law Report, March 5

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
PRINCESS YOUSSOUPOFF
AWARDED £25,000
YOUSSOUPOFF V. METROGOLDWYN-MAYER
PICTURES, LIMITED
Before MR. JUSTICE AVORY

and a Special Jury
The jury returned a verdict for
Princess Irina Alexandrovna of
Russia, the wife of Prince
Youssoupoff, of Rue Gutteoberg,
Boulogne-sur-Seine, Paris, assessing the damages at £25,000, in the action in which she claimed against Metro-Goldwyn Mayer ictures, Limited, cinematograph film producers and distributors, of Upper St Martin's Lane, W.C. damages for a libel which she said was contained in a sound film entitled Rasputin, the Mad Monk. The Princess said that the defendants published in the film pictures and words which were understood to mean that she (the

Princessi, therein called the "Princess Natasha," had been seduced hy and was the mistress of Raspu-The defendants denied that the film was defamatory and further said that it did not refer to the

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., and Mr. St. John Field appeared for the Princess; Sir William Jowett, K.C. Mr. H. J. Wallington, K.C., Mr. V R. Idelson and Mr. Sylvester Gates

for the defendants.

FINAL SPEECH FOR

DEFENCE
Sir WILLIAM JOWIFT, in his

closing speech to the jury for the defence, said that Princess Natasha in the film was a woman of a noble character who suffered, if it were possible, from an excess of implicity and purity, so that she did not see the grime and horror of Rasputin's personality. To say that to liken anyone to Natasha was to impute anything against her chas-

tity was ridiculous... The Princess had to establish that ordinary, sensible people, who knew her, would think that Natasha in the film referred to her. She sought to do that by showing that Prince Chegodieff in the film, who was hetrothed to Natasha, was her husband. That she had failed to

SIR PATRICK HASTINGS'S ADDRESS Sir PATRICK HASTINGS, in addressing the jury, said that, if Natasha was a portrayal of Princess Youssoupoff, the film depicted

her as a woman who had been defiled by a blackguard... No one had even suggested that the death of Rasputin was caused by anybody other than Prince Youssoupoff, who lived in the Moika Palace in St Petersburg, and it was known that the death took place in an underground room. In the film Prince room. Chegodielf killed Rasputin in an underground room in the Moika

Chegodieff Prince Was Youssoupoif thinly disguised. The rincess had been grievously wronged by the film and was entitled to heavy damages THE SUMMING-UP

MR. JUSTICE AVORY, in mming up, said that the case had been described as a novel and unprecedented one, but in his opinion, there was nothing in it to which the established principles applicable to other libel cases night not be applied...

The only question for the jury was whether the evidence had satisfied them that the film character of Natasha would be reasonably understood to represent Princes Youssoupoff by persons who knew

All the witnesses called for the Princess spoke with no uncertain voice of their impression of the film. It was for the jury to judge whether those witnesses did not represent a number of reasonable persons exercising a reasonable judgment. Unless the evidence called for the defence convinced the jury that the witnesses called for the Princess were not reasonable or responsible persons. the fact that the witnesses called for the defence thought that the characters of Chegodieff and Natasha represented persons other than the Prince and Princess did not destroy the evidence given by he Princess's witnesses... After an absence of just over two

hours the jury returned and announced that they found a verdic for Princess Youssoup off and that bey assessed the camages at

Judgment was entered accord ingly for the Princess for £25.000, with costs...

### Meaningful terms

From Miss G. M. Pentelow Sir. I throught I needed a desk top calendar but discovered that I needed a date case. Yours faithfully. GILLIAN M. PENTELOW. King's College School of Medicine

and Dentisity of King's College London. Denmark Hill, SE5. February 27.

roof at Christie's yesterday. A Kakiemon vase of around 1680, estimated at £6,000 to £8,000, sold for £36,720 after dogged competition

There has been a shortage of Kaiemons on the market, and this was a splendid example, 27 cms high, painted in hrilliant enamets, with characteristic flowers, foliage and reckwork, and in alterest negligible.

and in almost perfect condition.

A little Kakiemon rabbit, only 8.3 cms long,

his white fur splashed with iron-red, turquoise

and blue, was another item that everyone

wanted. The price soared to £14,040 (estimate

£3,000-£4,000) as one dealer in the room tried

to outbid the representative of a private

collector hidding over the telephone.

The market for pieces reflecting Western

influence in Japan again proved very strong

with a late nineteenth centory Imari gourd

shaped bottle, painted with a group of early Dulch traders, selling for £7,560(estimate £2,000-£3,000).

Two magnificent seventeenth century lac-

quer chests that had reached France in the

eighteenth century, where they were mounted

for aristocratic owners, made prices consonant with their distinguished histories, and were both bought hy Lady Abdy, a London dealer. She paid £22,140(estimate £18,000-£25,000)

for a hlack-and-gold chest from the collection of Compte Charles Louis de Cosse Brissac, and

£17.280 (estimate £15,000-£22,000) for a red.

hlack, and gold chest that belonged to the

Sale room

Dogged determination wins

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent Four highly competitive Japanese dealers ran prices for rare Japanese ceramics through the pavilion built for Madame de Pompadour at

Fontainblean.

The most important failure of the sale was a

two-leaf lacquer screen with an elaborate inlay of elephants, figures, and landscape. It was

bought in at £13,000 (estimate £18,000-£25,000) because it had begun to fall to pieces over the past week; the temperature and

humidity of Christie's had not suited, and the

lacquer began to lift.

Christie's were investigating with their insurers yesterday where the responsibility lay when atmospheric conditions affected a trea-

The sale of Japanese works of art totalled

income of £15,000 a year. In the event, it was bought in al £20,000.

diers and figures which secured some high

prices. An American private collector who had

left his commissions with the auctioneer

secured a 1928 Brittains two-tier box of British

Cavairy at £2,800 (estimate £800-£1,200), and

a rare 1938 Brittains biplane and pilot at

£2,200 (estimale £1,500-£2,000).

The battle was included in a sale of lead sol-

£296,578, with 19 per cent left unsold.

Coli ou lied



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 5: The Prince Andrew March 5: The Prince Andrew this evening opened the Im-pressions of Israel Exhibition at Selfridges, London, W1. His Royal Highness was re-ceived on arrival by Sir Geoffrey

Shakerley, Bt. and the Chairman of Sears ple and of Selfridges Limited (Mr Maitland Smith). Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Princess Anne. Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon opened the North Cotswolds Centre for the Physically Handicapped at Bourton-on-the-Water. Gloucestershire. Her Royal Highness was re-

ceived on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Mar-tin Gibbs) and the Chairman of the Centre (Dr A. Rowlands).
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, later opened and toured the new school at Blockley, near Moreton-in-Marsh, escorted by the Headmaster (Mr D. Walsh).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Paragon Station, Kingston upon Hull, in the Royal Train this morning.
His Royal Highness visited
the Lonsdale Community Centre and the School of Architec-

ture. Humberside College of Higher Education. Hull. The Prince of Wales. accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this afternoon received Their Royal Highnesses afterwards visited The Sobriely, Alben Dock, Hull.

The Prince of Wales, Patron.
Operation Raleigh, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, later visited the Operation Raleigh Suppon Centre, Queens Garden, Hull.

The Princess of Wales, President. Dr Barnardo's, this morngent, of saniardos, this infor-ing visited the New Families Project at Alexandra House, Waterhouse Lane and the Hull Famile Centre, Holderness Road, Hull.

Their Royal Highnesses, al-ended by Viscountess rended by Viscountess Campden and Lieutenani-Colonel Brian Anderson, returned 10 London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this evening dined with members of the Agri-cultural Forum at the Hude Park Hotel, London, SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Duke of Glouces-ter, Honorary Colonel Royal Monmouthshire Royal En-gineers [Militia], today visited the Regiment in Monmouth. His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

A celebration of the life and wit of Dorothy Parker, in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child, will be held at Stringfellow's on March 12. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Thomas Bennett Langton will be held at St Mary's Church, Trinity House Lane, Hull.

Henley-on-Thames, Oxford-shire, at 3,30pm. on Friday.

April 4, 1986,

Mr S.J.G. Lywood and Miss A.C. Bond The engagement is announced between Jamie, second son of Mr and Mrs J.H.G. Lywood, of

Ashford Court, Ludlow, Shrop-shire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr T.E. Boud, of

Lodge Farmhouse, Shipley, Sus-sex. and Mrs R.J. Boud. of

Honeycrocks, Downash, Sussex.

and Dr S.P. Kelway
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, son of the
late Mr M.A. McMonagle and of
Mrs T.C. Turner-Green, of
Brighton. Sussex, and Sally,
daughter of the late Mr Pryor
Kelway, and of Mrs C.C.

Kelway and of Mrs O.C. Kelway, of Fulbeck, Lincoln-

The engagement is announced

between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Clive Pelling, of Wood-

ford Green, Essex, and Char-lotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ellis Jones, of Chester.

and Miss D.M. Kendall The engagement is announced

Mrs B. Pellowe, of Bolton, and

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Snelgrove, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and

Diana (Dingle), daughter of Mr

and Mrs John Kirkwood, of Braughing, Hertfordshire, for-

The engagement is announced between Alastair, youngest son of Major and Mrs A.C.G.

Thomas, of Dedham, Essex, and Marie-Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. McCarthy, of Lake Forest. Illinois, United

Mr A.R. Thomas and Miss M.L. McCarthy

**Marriages** 

Mr C.E. Maclean

and Miss D. Young

Captain H.R. Storey, RN.

Royal Navy, and Mrs June

president, was in the chair. The Deputy Lord Mayor of West-minster attended and among

Admiral Sir Richard Flich. Admiral Sir William O'Brien. General Sir Patrich, Howard-Ochson, Air Chie Marshal Sir Alaedair Sirediman. Air Marshal Sir Peter Buchanan. Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder. Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey and Ladi

University College London A luncheon in honour of Profes-sor E.W.J. Mitchell. Chairman of the Science and Engineering Council, was held at University

College London yesterday. The provost, Sir James Lighthill, presided. Those present in-

others present were:

G.H. Kendall, of Woking.

Mr J. Sneigrove and Miss D. Kirkwood

Dr T.M. McMnnagle

Mr P.M. Pelling and Miss C.C. Junes

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Elphinston and Miss R.M. Dunnett

The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldesi son of Sir John Elphinston of Glack, Bt. and Lady Elphinston. of Northwich, Cheshire, and Ruth Mary, elder daughter of the Rev R.C. and Mrs Dunnett, of Edgbaston, Warwickshire.

Mr J.A. Bell and Miss C.M. Gibb The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of the late Mr Gordon Bell and of Mrs Kaia Bell, of Wadhurst, East Sussey, and Celia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Gihh, of St

Mr R.A. Denney and Miss J. Gentile The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of the late Licutenant-Colonel John Denney and of Mrs Denney, of Withyham, Sussex, and Jane, second daughter of Mrs Jo Anne Scholar, of Washington DC.

Mr C.J. Ellioit and Miss J.A. Goodliffe The engagement is announced Mr B.M. Pellowe between Christopher James, only son of Mr and Mrs Harry Norfolk, and Jennifer Anne. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs

Goodliffe, Bletchingley, Surrey. Mr P.D.C. Fitzwilliam and Miss V.E. Demuth The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs C. Fitzwilliam, of Esher, Surrey, and Vivienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Demuth, of Wimhledon, London, SW 19.

Mr J.M. Green and Miss D.C.R. Taylor The engagement is announced between Jetfrey, younger son of Professor F.N. Green and of. Mrs J. Green, of St Johnsbury.

Vermont. United States, and Deirdre, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs R.D. Taylor, of, Hursley, Winchester. Mr S. Jain The engagement is announced between Sharad, son of Professor S.P. Jain and Mrs Jain of

tricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Meynell, of Berry Hall, Honingham, Norfolk.

Mr R.S.R. James and Miss C. Edwards The engagement is announced

between Ross, son of the late Mr Stephen James and of Mrs Joanna James, of Little Barnfield, South Godstone, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of The Mill Mill Lane, Felbridge, near Easi Grinsiead, Sussex. the guest of honour at a lun-cheon given by the Council of the Victory (Services) Associ-ation held at the Victory Ser-vices Club yesterday. Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier.

### Luncheons

**HM** Government Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs. was host yesterday at a function given in honour of Dr Carlos A. Saldivar Molina. Minister for Forcign Affairs of Paraguay, held at the Dukes Hotel. St James's Place. fustitution of Water Engineers and Scientists Lord Ellion of Morpeth, Presi-

dent of the Water Companies Association, was the principal guest at a lunchcon given yes-lerday by the Council of the Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists at Grosvenor House, Mr R.J. Stater, presi-dent, was in the chair and among those present were repre-sentatives of HM Government depairments, professional in-stitutions and other organisations connected with the water industry.

Victory (Services) Association The Lord Mayor of London was

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner vesterday evening in Speaker's House. The guests

Dinners

HM Government Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yes-terday at a dinner at Admiralty House given in honour of the President of the Bundestag, Dr Philipp Jenninger.

British Veterinary Association Sir John Stradling Thomas, MP, entertained the officers and guests of the British Veterinary Association at dinner at the House of Commons last night. Those present included: must present included:
Miss Janet Fookes, MP, Mr David
Harris, MP, Mr Robert Jackson, MP,
Mr David Maclean, MP, Mrs Anna
McCurriey, MP, Sir Peter Mills, MP,
Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir David
Price, MP, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Mr
Andrew, Slewart, MP, Mr, Anna
Minierton, MP: Mr Britan Hoskin
ipresident, British Veterinary Association and Professor Ian Sirver (president, Royal College of Veterinary
Surgeons).

Apothecaries' Society Professor J.A. Dudgeon, Master of the Apothecaries' Society, assisted by Mr W.F.W. Southwood, Senior Warden, and Dr J.F. Fisher, Junior Warden, was bost at a dinner held at Apothecaries' Hall last night. Baroness Trumpington also spoke. Among the guests

**Timber Trade Federation** 

The Soviel Ambassador, the Polish Ambassador and other members of the Diplomatic Corps were among the guests at the annual dinner of the Timber Trade Federation held at Grosvenor House last night. Mr G.N. Donaldson, president, was in the chair and Mr LL Rolland, President of the Institute of British Architects, was the guest of honour and speaker. Among others present were:

Royal College of Veterinary Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, sponsored a dinner held on March 4 at the House of Commons for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Among those present

were;
Professor I A Silver, Mr J A Parry,
Nir J H Parsons, Mr A R W Porter, Mr
J Richardson (BVA), Mr R Cale, Mr
Mr R Hicks, MP, Mr G Knighl, MP,
Mr P Martand, MP, Mr R MaxwellHystop, MP, Mr R Ottaway, MP, and
Mr R Page, MP.

### **Appointments**

Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Latest appointments include: Jenny Abramsky to be editor of Today, BBC Radio 4's current affairs programme. Miss Usha Prashar, a research fellow at the Policy Studies Institute, to be Director of the

National Council for Voluntary

Organisations. Legal Mr Raymond Potter, Circuit Administrator Igrade 31 of the Northern Circuit, to be pro-moted grade 2 (deputy sec-retary) in the Lord Chancellor's Department from June 9. He replaces Mr P.D.Rohinson, who replaces on F.D. Romanson, who is retiring, and will assume Mr Robinson's responsibilities for the administration of the Court Service and for legal aid matters. Mr T.S. Legg (grade 2) to be Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, an appointment held by Mr Robinson.

Trust trees

The marriage look place on Monday, March 3, 1986, in Manhaitan, of Mr Charles Maclcan, eldest son of Sir The Oxford avenue of lime and oak trees at Stowe, Buckingham National Trust. The avenue, three quaners of a mile long, dates from the eighteenth cen-Maclean, of Dunconnel, to Miss Deborah Young, daughter of Mr Lawrence Young, of Chicago. and Mrs J. Harrison
The marriage took place at
Crowborough on March I between Captain Richard Storey. tury when Slowe was land-scaped by William Kent.

# seum vesterday. A 1945 watercolour of ooe of Searle's guards is shown below right.

Cocotess Mountbatten of Burma and Lieutenant-Colonel Cary Owtram, the last surviving

British camp commandant on the Burma-Siam railway) admiring a self-portrait (also below left) by Ronald Searle, the cartoooist, drawn when he was a Japanese prisoner-of-war. Lady

Mouo Ibatteo was opeo iog an exhibition of Searle's wartime works at the Imperial War Mu-

Canon David Benzley, Rector of Esher, Surrey, is to be Bishop Suffragan of Lynn, diocese of Norwich, in succession to the Right Rev William Atken, who died last year. He will be consecrated at Westminster Abbey on July 22.

Church news

Latest wills Mr Neil Edward Wates, of Chiddingstone. Kent, formerly chairman and managing direc-tor of Wates, the building

company, left estate valued at £6.841.732 net. Phyllis Mary Dobell Durston, of Moreion in Marsh. Cheshire £767,998
Mrs Gladys Eileen Ronald
Stopford, of Tunhridge Wells.
Kent £368,052 University news

are to lowing nonorary degree.

are to be awarded in July;
LLD: Sir Peter Tester Main, Chalman
of Boots: the Res Professor Ower
Chadwark. OM. Predicent of the
Stubs Academy: Nir Malcolm Forbes
sublisher. Nir David Hockney. artist
Mr Calum Alexander MacLeod, chair
man. Lyle Stupping and Offshore
Group, and Sir John Thomson. UR
Permanent Representative 10 InLinked Nations. NO: The Very Rev John Panerson formerly Sinderator of the Cenera Assembly of the Church of Scotland

LLD My Ian Hamilton Finley, artist, and Catherine Tryine Gastin, novelsk, MURC David Toulmin John Reidi, writer

Southampton Grants
BMT Lid. £60,189 to Professor
Coodrich for the development of
seaseeping performance criteria.
Wellcome Trust. £52,248 to Dr. Ci
Ragan to sludy blogenesis and assembity of mildchondrial NADB
dehydrosenase.
Science and Engineering Research
Councit. £61,827 to Dr. AJ Mey, Dr. JT
Chalker and Dr. CR. fesshope to sludy
stotulation of statistical mechanical
systems on a low cost, high performance transputer array.

### Holders Association

Royal Warrant

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Assocation for the ensuing year: President: Mr Timonthy Sandeman; vice-president; Mr Graeme J. Wilson; honorary

reasurer: Mr Edward Rayne.

### Birthdays today

Dr M.G. Adam, 74; Mr William Dr M.G. Adam. 74: Mr William Davis, 53: Sir Archibald Forbes, 83: Professor Sir Charles Frank, 75: Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg. 63: Mr Frankie Howerd. 64: Mr Lorin Maazel, 56: Mr Richard Noble. 40: Lord Roberthall, 85: Sir lan Dixon Scott, 77: the Right Rev David Sheppard. 57: Lord Silkin of Dulwich. QC, 68: Sir Peter Stallard, 71: Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, 42: Mr D.H. Whitaker, 55: Sir Oliver Wright, 65.

### Science report

# How garlic ruined a china doll's complexion

Antique china dolls and a aste for garlic have brought to light a most unusual ocupational hazard; but the risk is so the dolls rather than

The circumstances involved a 16-year-old girl employed in a factory making reproduction antique china dolls. She com-plained to her doctor that the sweatiness of her hands caused blemishes to appear on the dolls' heads she was handling. Wherever she touched the head while painting, black speckles would mysteriously appear after the

But it did not happen with other people. Finding the cause of the speckles need the a geologist from Birmingham ing with Dr Courad Harris at University and a physician St Mary's Hospital then exand a pharmacologist from St amined her diet, since this Mary's Hospital Medical affects substances secreted in School, London, with help the sweat. The most striking from experts on antique dolls.

Sweat seemed the most likely source of the trouble. and this was confirmed when the girl was asked to draw patterns in samples of the clay with her fingertip. Patters she drew after the first firing consistently appeared as speckles after the second foring. No speckles appeared if she drew the patterns before the first firing, or if she wore rubber or plastic gloves or applied an anti-perspirant cream to her skin.

amined her diet, since this the sweat. The most striking thing was a fondness of garlic, and so the investigators exammed her sweat collected overnight after she had eaten

garlie and also doring a week when she had eaten no garlic. The beads of perspiration were all found to contain three volatile substances, all of them

sulphur compounds. X-ray analysis showed that elay had a high content of iron manganese, and the speckles themselves cootained iron and sulphur, though neither element was found in between the

the speckles were produced hy garlic-derived molecules of sulphide compounds in the girl's sweat combining with flecks of iron or iron-bearing minerals in the clay.

Some pople cannot break down certain sulphur compounds, and these therefore pass unaltered into the urine. This girl was one of these so called poor sulphoxidisers but she was unable to excrete sulphur containing breakdown products of garlic.

Since her work was too delicate to allow her to wear protective gloves, the only way she could avoid spoiling the dolls she was making was to keep off garlic. Source: The Lancet, March I. p.492.

### **OBITUARY** DR E. A. MacLYSAGHT Historian and genealogist

one of that country's foremost mained a senator for three

historians and genealogists.

Born in England (a fact he was never anxious to reveal). (S.R.) Lysaght, a covelist and poet who came of a landed family in Ireland, he was the standard of the standar poet son, Rupert, was a contemporary. After a couple of terms at Oxford he took up farming and settled down at a holding his father had acquired for him in their ances In tral County of Clare.

£196,578, with 19 per cent left unsold.

At Phillips, a reconstruction of the Battle of Waterloo measuring 25ft by 11ft, and containing 20,000 warring troops, 8,000 horses, and suitable landscaping, failed to find a bayer. Valhalla, the Bath model-making firm who owned it, had hoped to get £75,000 on the grounds that its exhibition could attract an income of £15,000 on the second of £15,000 on He joined the Gaelie League, an organisation for the revival of the Irish language, and through his friendship with George Russell (A.E.) and others in Dublin Aris Club, he gradually became involved in the Irish Ireland political movement. In 1917 he supported

Eamonn de Valera when the reprieved veteran of the previous year's Easter Rising stood 90 he hrought our memoirs successfully for Sinn Fein at a by-election to Clare. Subse-which provide a charming and quently MacLysaght acted as an unofficial Sinn Feio representative at the Irish Convention which Lloyd George convened in an unsuccessful effort to produce agreement on the Irish question.

til the Anglo-Irish Treaty of appearance.
1921. In 1920 he changed his He was twice married and is

Dr Edward MacLysaght more clearly its Gaelic origin. In 1922 he was elected a string the age of 98, was the first Chief Herald of Ireland and the Irish Free State. He re-

years.

After that he devoted him-self to farming and writing. But whereas his previous literpoems and novels both in educated at Rugby in the concentrated on history. His house of Mr Brooke whose work Irish Life in the Seventeemh Century was a seminal work of social history, depicting everyday life at a time of major transition in Ireland's

In 1943 after the Irish government had taken over the Office of Arms in Dublin Castle he was appointed the first Chief Herald of Ireland. He edited a published volume of the family papers of the Earls of Kenmare. In 1956 he became chairman of the Irish Manuscripts Commission. a post he held until he was 85. He published a number of volumes on the origins of Irish surnames.

In 1978 when he was over informal account of Irish life as he had known it.

MacLysaght was a puresouled Irish patriot, a friendly and unassuming man. He continued to work and take regular exercise until a few He remained active in the months before his death and independence movement un- he never lost his handsome

name from Lysaght to survived by three sons and MacLysaght so as to indicate one daughter.

### DAME JOCELYN WOOLLCOMBE

Jocelyn Dame Woollcombe, DBE, who died on January 30, aged 87, was Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service from 1946 to 1950. in 1949 she was appointed ADC to the King, the first woman to receive this honour.

The daughter of Admiral Maurice Woollcombe, she was educated at Moorfields, Plymouth, and abroad before working io the Naval intelligence Division during the First World War.

In 1939 she joined the WRNS as a Chief Officer in Plymouth but was soon promoted and appointed to the Admiralty.

As Deputy Director (Manning) she had the formidable task of organising the recruiting training advancement and other matters concerning WRNS ratings whose oumbers rose to over 70,000. At this time she also laid the foundations of the WRNS granted a Royal Charter.

With her intelligence and screnity, she was the ideal person, as Director, to guide the WRNS through the coo-versioo from "Hostilities Only" to a "permanent service". It was oot without difficulty that the priociples of WRNS service conditions. pay and pensions, were related to those of the Royal Navy and this foresight set the pattern for the future. She was



Dame Jocelyn Woolicombe as ADC to the King .

held in great respect and affection by all who worked

On retirement, her influence was invaluable as President of the Association of Wrens (1960-82) and Vice-President of the WRNS Be-Benevolent Trust which later. nevolent Trust. From 1951-56 Sister Trust and to 1957-58 General Secretary of the Hungarian Section of the British Council for Aid to Refugees.

Throughout her life she gave generously of her time in voluntary service with partieular interest in amateur dramatics, the Girl Guides, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for Girls and Freedom from Hunger.

She was appointed CBE in 1944 and DBE in 1950.

This encouragement result-

ed in a sequel: The Assump-

tion of the Rogues and Rascals

which was less about love and

more about its aftermath. In

her 60s she published 4 Bo-

nus. her deceptively simple

more unfashionable among

certain feminists today. At

core it could be dubbed mas-

ochistic but that is to suggest

an emotional evasiveness that

The protagonists of Br Grand Central Station refuse

to protect themselves from

pain by growing a shell. They

she abhorred.

Her vision could not be

### **ELIZABETH SMART**

Elizabeth Smart died on March 4 in Soho. She was io her early 70s.

Born in Caoada in comfortable circumstances, she fell in love with the impecunious George Barker when she read a volume of his poetry. This led to a correspondence between them which led to a love affair that can only be described as cosmic.

It resulted, if not in the sky cracking, in four children and one lyric work of art: By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept, first published in 1945. She followed Barker back to

England where she remained, becoming a familiar and even talismanie figure in the pubs and bars of London's dwindling Bohemia: Fitzrovia and

The publication of the novel when the war was only just over was hardly noticed, but it was reprinted in 1966 io paperback to much acclaim. Bridget Brophy described it as one of the half dozen masterpieces of poetic prose in the

words.

are always out there, walking the emotional plank. Those who gag on a lyric impulse, who like oothing to excess, will prefer milder stuff. But it remains true that for one brief period (in her thirties) Elizabeth Smart, burning on her own pyre, managed to translate those flames into

She will be much missed hy her legion of Soho friends and hy all those to whom she handed on the torch of her very special vision.

### MR JOHN SPENCE, MP

Mr John Deane Spence, Conservative MP for Rydale since 1983 and prior to that for Sheffield, Heeley, (1970-741 and Thirsk and Malton (1974-83), died on March 4, aged 65.

He was a civil engineering and huilding contractor, and a director of a number of companies in the construction industry.

Educated at Queen's University. Belfast, he unsuccess-

fully contested Wakefield for the Conservatives in 1964 and Sheffield. Heeley, in 1966. On his second attempt at Heeley in 1970 he won with a

and retained the redrawn con-stituency, Rydale, in 1983. Spence had been a member of the Speaker's Panel of son in 1944; they had a son

1974 and was a member of the Commons Select Committee on Agriculture. He was a member of the Wider Share Ownership Council and a leading member of the Conservative back-benchers' industry and agriculture comroittees.

He was also joint chairman of the All-Party Scotch Whisky Industry Group, and was also former secretary and vice chairman of the Yorkshire Group of Conservative MPs. Spence was national presi-

dent of the UK Commercial Travellers Association in 1965 margio of 713 votes. In 1974 and personal private secretary he won Thirsk and Malion, to the Minister for Local Government from 1971 to

He married Hester Nichol-Committee Chairmeo since and a daughter.

Professor J W Mullin :vice protosts Major-General I H Baker (secretary of tine college), Professor R J Audies, Professor D E N Davies, Professor I A Harley, Professor F F Heymann, Professor M D Lifty, Professor G R ingenuity of a hiochemist and The team of experts work-And so it was concluded that The VITAMIN C that's doubly deliciously different Centurion Vitamin C pastilles are today's deliciously different way to take Vitamin C. Ideal for the whole family. Centurion can now be found in two flavours – Orange or Blackcurrant.

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### THE ARTS

# Television Soap as a game of lethal chess

Bobby Ewing, the goody-goody brother in Dailas goody brother in Dallas [BBC1], was laid to rest last night, in the presence of all his family, both his girlfriends and his horse. The Twentythird Psaim was read in resonant lones over his resting place on the South Fork spread, and even his wicked brother, JR, shed a tear, The death of a major char-

acter in any soap opera is an emotional peak for the audience and a logistical nightmare for the series' creators. Their job is like the game of played in Star Wars; each of bomespan philasophy which will give rise to certain predetermined scenarios. With a character removed, the balance of power on the board most immediately be readjust-

In Dallas, as in chess, the action is a battle for supremacry between black and white. This is fought between characters of nnimpeachable goodness like Bobby, his mother, Miss Ellie and his former-butdearly-loved wife Pam, and characters of irredeemable evil like JR and Pam's brother ACTiff. People may act out of character to spice the storylines up a bit, but they must always run true to type by the nd of the season

The will-reading, a classic set-piece of the genre, was given the sort of full-blooded treatment the Dallas andience expects. The central issue was the disposition of Bobby's share in the family oil compa-ny, whoever inherited that would thereafter become JR's

The nerves of the knowing were stretched like bowstrings in the suspense. Dear Bobby's quintessentially sentimental bequests of his horse, his gan and his pappy's gold watch were milked for all they were worth; then at last the Kines of battle were drawn as effective control of 30 per cent of Ewing Oil was placed in the frail, manicured hands of Pam. Instantly, fabrious vistas of

instantiy, landing versas of intersective squabbling opened not the subsidiary associate whether See Ellen was going to get drunk and abusive. drunk and raped, or merely totally wrecked was briskly. resolved in favour of the last option as the final credits folding maps displaying postoccasions on which Dallas seemed to be an art like origami - intricate, skilful and totally pointless.

The Royal Academy of Music Britain's oldest principal music college, will announce details today of radical plans for its filture. These include reducing student numbers by a third over the next five years, by a third over the next five years, introducing an express stream for high-flying soloists and attracting more visits from international artists. The aim is to improve the staff-student ratio, and to increase the Academy's international reputation. lation. An appeal is being launched

to help fund the changes.
The announcement will end speculation in musical circles that the Academy want to become a "centre of excellence" for a bandful of gifted soloists, with privileged funding and status. This idea is known to interest Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary of State for Education. He is concerned that too many of our most talented young performers go abroad to finish their training because of inadequate provision here. The Acadamy's plan has been perceived as an attempt to forestall Joseph.

Sir David Lumsden, the Academy's principal, denies this. "The plans have grown over several years. We are not seeking special status, nor shall we just train soloists. We'll still offer the same comprehensive musical education

The mounting rivalry among London's main music colleges reaches a turning-point in an announcement today: Fiona Maddocks reports

# The excellence of controversy

for all kinds of performers", he says. Indeed he condemns the notion of designating one college as a single shrine of talent. "A tier system would damage the entire profession."

His view is shared by heads of other colleges, of which the fore-most are the Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music and Guildhall School of Music and Drama. One called the idea "disastrous". They met Sir Keith Joseph a month ago to express their alarm. Last week, Sir Keith's only comment was that All educational establishments should seek to be centres of excellence'

But why should the prospect of a super-school, as it has been dubbed, cause such a furore? Several issues are at stake. The underlying assumption, of course,

point, and at least sometimes thereafter, Gough takes tiny phrases from Stravinsky as the

basis of systems music, built

on repetitions and transfor-

mations — a favourite device

of Spink's choreography too.

The pianos are apparently

supplemented by a pre-record-

ed tape, and because Stravin-

sky used four pianos in Les

Noces we have two other

instruments on stage, uprights, which Philippe Girau-

dean and Popper sometimes

From this point on the

dancers also represent characters or incidents from The

Firebird, again with Fokine's choreography sometimes

quoted and developed system-

atically. At one point we have two female firebirds and one

male flickering between tiny

repeated patterns of dance; at

another Giraudeau and Mi-

chel Smith both represent

Ivan stuggling in the power of

Popper and Ikky Maas as

.The kiss recurs over and over and once leads to turnul-

tuous mutual seduction: the

marriage occurs Magritte-style, faces invisible, beneath a

hammer and a sickle. The

magic egg is another image

that recurs all through, more

Add a gynaecological couch that is also a dining table.

reminiscences by the cast, red and white feathers, a stage full

of apples rolled thunderously

from buckets, photographs of Russian politicians, fireworks,

and lighting structures pushed around, spread this over 110

minutes without an intermission, and I think you have too

much. And yet Bösendorfer

Waltzes is never boring, and

John Percival

at moments it is entirely

magical in mood and effect.

realistic but finally thrilling.

is that the music colleges are failing in their task. This view - commonly voiced by music critics, agents and promoters, and often based on outdated experience — assumes that the colleges still inhabit the late 19th-century world in which most were founded. They are believed to produce too many mediocre string players, singers who can sight-read nothing later than Verdi and enough flautists to fill the world's symphony orchestras twice over. Having failed as

bad teachers. Little wonder our best talent heads for Heathrow. There is scant evidence, though, for this bleak view. Great strides bave been taken since the Gulbenkian report (1978) on training professional musicians. urged culturg student numbers and updating courses to meet today's

soloists, the players then become

needs. Numbers are still too high, but this is simply in order to maintain the level of DES funding. Courses, however, have been transformed beyond recognition. Jazz. improvisation and film-music are regular features in addition to the basic repertoire. Contemporary music, once limited to the committed few, is now studied by all.

All this bodes well for most

generally able performers, but is it adequate for the exceptional few? As any teacher would argue in most respects the star soloist is born, not made. Many by-pass the institutions to allow more time for private practice. A new "superwould not alter that. The good teacher will always find time for the gifted pupil. Even were that not so, most colleges already have advanced performers' courses which attract applications by music

students from all over the world. What proof is there, then, of a mass exodus of talent abroad? Such evidence as there is seems to deny the suggestion. Of the 354 pupils leaving England's specialist music schools (Chetham's, Yehudi Menuhin, Purcell and Wells Cathedral) in the past five years, only 11 went abroad; 97 per cent progressed to higher training in this country. The major trusts which fund music scholarships report a

similar trend. No one would claim these facts tell the whole story. Nor do they disguise the many problems which beset the music colleges, the biggest of which is too many students. If numbers were reduced, as the Academy now proposes, associated difficulties such as staff and accommodation shortages would be eased, if not solved, it is worth

observing, however, that even the Juilliard, with its vastly superior resources, produces only a handful of international soloists in a de-cade. Students there may see their chosen star teacher only once a term, being farmed out to assistants the rest of the time. The results are little different.

Even the best colleges, however, can only respond to the talent offered. The real issue which needs tackling is what happens at a much earlier agc. For a string player, the damage may be done by the age of 11. Conversely, wind players may develop only in their teens when they join the numerous youth orchestras and wind-bands which characterize Britain's musical life. That tradition is now at risk. Some schools have no music teaching at all, and the number of peripatetic teachers has been cut dramatically in recent years to meet government spending cuts.

The consequences of such a trend are obvious. As our advanced musical institutions continue to improve their facilities, attract glossy international names to their staff and raise their musical standards, they will be forced to look abroad for talent to fill the places. This irony cannot be lost even on ione-deaf ears.

### Dance

Bösendorfer Waltzes The Place

If one has to choose between a work of art that has too much in it and one that has too little, the former has to be preferable because at least then we can make our own choices. Bosendorfer Waltzes, which Second Stride are presenting at The Place this week, certainly has no lack of material.

lan Spink, its choreographer and director, says that the Fokine/Stravinsky Firebird was his starting-point; but, in collaboration with the composer Orlando Gough, the designer Antony McDonald and the cast of six dancers, a great deal more has crept in. Principally the additions concern the dadaist and surrealist movements in painting and literature. This makes for some mystification and much complexity, probably too much, but it also gives the

work spirit Each dancer represents an historical character, although I guess few spectators would get beyond identifying Michael Popper as Dali (his account of meeting Freud and presenting him with a treatise on paranota is hilarious). It does not matter, what they say affords all the information actually needed. And say it they do, at great length to start with: the work is 20 minntes on its way before any music or dancing starts, although there have been some ritual actions, uners, removing sboes, putting arms in a sling.
The music begins with two

pianists. David Owen and Lucy Wilson, revealed at Celia Brayfield grand pianos hidden under big cloth dolls' houses. At this

### Theatre

# Music to obliterate thought

Jeanne Sadler's Wells

From the time of Godspell, rock and religion have regularly come together in a misalliance zealously promoted by the church. Whether or not it serves to spread the faith, rock certainly has the effect of putting the mind to sleep: a process illustrated with unusual clarity in Shirbe Roden's rock opera on Joan of Arc, now transferred from the Birmingham Rep to the re-prieved Sadler's Wells.

Miss Roden has taken her outline from Shaw's Saint Joan, that cathedral to human scepticism. Her libretto even preserves some of the play's acid court satire and ecclesiastical argument; but it is labour thrown away once the music gets going.

Of its kind, the music strikes me as extremely ac-complished. It is mainly assembled from sharp little melodic patterns which are diversified to carry an entire scene, and take on contrasting emotional colour. The sound is sometimes sweet, often brutal; but the main thing is that it depends on interminable repetition. It can evoke

Medea

Theatre City promised us a new translation (by David mouths of the old characters. Well, it depends whether you

ings hut, when decanted over the stage like hot chocolate sauce, it obliterates character

Miss Roden demonstrates this herself when, late in the show, she introduces her only comic number, in which two facetious guards try to persuade the armour-placed heroine to put on a dress. The effect is excruciating.

Otherwise the book falls obediently into line, presenting Joan as an iconic figure. erect in a gleaming breastplate amid swirling smoke, and Alençon (Malcolm Roberts) as an idealized blond warrior as apt to fall on his knees as to wield a sword. The one character who does survive is the Dauphin (Brett Forrest), who begins as a Shavian booby but. once in power, leads a rabblerousing chorus calling for the destruction of the girl who is

no longer of any use to him. The main storytelling novelty is the appearance of Joan's three voices - Saints Catherine, Margaret and Michael - who supervise the action from a heavenly bridge over the stage in the likeness of three Elysian Supremes in skin-tight silver boiler-suits. It sounds ridiculous, but it is

consider it a modern senti-The recently formed company royal dad by means of a vocabulary - as the basic poisoned dress, knife your two kids and then set off for Wiles) that would put "mod- Athens in a chauffeur-driven ern sentiments" into the car - visible to us on the Athens in a chauffeur-driven video-screen helpfully placed

table. If music dramatizes anything in this show, it is the sight of these angelic swingers urging their trusting protegée on to the next suicidal adven-

"Now is the time" is their slogan, first catapulting Joan from the village to the court. and then into the siege of Orleans; finally, in the show's masterstroke, they materialize in her cell and joyously tell her that now is the time to go up in smoke. This being a rock opera\_ it is left to the spectator to decide whether she is entering paradise or whether the Inquisition was spot on in considering she had been misled by demons.

Bill Kenwright's production (with choreography by Anthony van Laast) is well drilled, well lit and thunderously well amplified. Of individual voices. Rebecca Storm has the well-placed sexless purity of a boy chorister, and Peter Straker comes close to obliterating the memory of Shaw's Cauchon in his apparition of a gibbering witch-doctor with wild upswept hair and accusations rising to an unearthly voodoo falseno.

**Irving Wardle** 

But, if it is modern language ment to be revenged on your they were after, this translafaithless husband by dispatch- tion is an efficient and attrac-Euripides is said to have been - with just the occasional fancy flourish given to the Chorus. "I have smeared the clothes with suitable chemicals". Medea explains. Somebody else says "Undeniably things have turned out

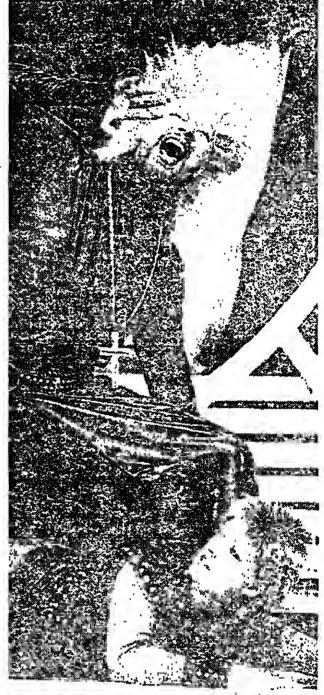
> Undeniably, that is a comic line - and perhaps this is where we find the translation's "modern sentiments". Such unexpected remarks distance the characters from their distress (this is before anyone is killed) while at the same time we can identify with the attitude. It must, after all, be a bit of a blow for this foreign princess. Medea, to come to Greece with Jason and then be shoved aside because he proves to be an upwardly mobile creep wanting to marry into the local royalty.

To emphasize Medea's alien situation Shireen Shah is cast in the title role and all the menfolk are subtly British: a self-satisfied Jason by Michael Kingsbury, allowing a poli-tician's thin smile a brief life on his baby face; a vacillating Creon from Michael Deacon; and - nice touch - Metin Yenal's Aegeus, embarrassed at having to talk about his inferility. Though perhaps putting his hands in his pockets is going 100 far.

Shireen Shah's performance is hard to follow and raises questions: Why is she shaking her ear-rings now? Being lan-guorous on this line? Speaking this passionate phrase so list-

Truly the heroines are the three women of the Chorus, fascinating young feminists, who start off, in Marina Caldarone's imaginative direction, relishing Jason's im- never heard its dancing casminent punishment. As they cades of notes sound less like become increasingly dismayed, the seductive smiles are wiped away and the sistently beautiful piano tone growth of their sorrow partly compensates for the lack of an Beck. Heather Brookman and Sue Glasser, and they are

Jeremy Kingston vincingly from its shadowy



Gibbering witch-doctor with a heroine of sexless purity: Peter Straker and Rebecca Storm in Jeanne

### Concert

RPO/Litton Festival Hall

A few months ago in these columns I found myself reviewing the same orchestra under the same conductor, in the accompaniment of the same piano concerio — Chopin's No 2 in F minor. Il is nice to be able to report that. on this occasion, the Royal Philharmonic's approach to this supposedly dull stuff was just as tresh and alert as But this is not to say that one's attention was anything

other than totally held by the soloist. Bernard d'Ascoli, His identification with the piano pari was so complete that it was as if he had somehow stepped inside the music, not so much addressing it from the outside as speaking to us from within. The first movement's gentle second-subject tune found a perfect balance between naturalness and sophistication, and the ornamentation in the Larghotto was exquisitely shaded without ever losing a sense of direction. The finale was a remarkable exhibition: I have trivial decoration and more like musical sense, with coneven in the trickiest passages.

Andrew Litton did not quite equivalent growth clsewhere. let the wonderfully spacious They are played by Hazel lyrical paragraphs of Rachlet the wonderfully spacious maninov's Second Symphony breathe as easily as they want to - the introduction, for instance, did not grow con-

beginnings - and he also had some curious ideas about orchestral balance (rampant horns throughout). But he had a knack of making things happen. The big climax to the first movement's development section was thrillingly brought off; and, similarly, his view of the build-up towards the crowning peroration of the entire work was differently conceived from what we usually hear, and to my mind entirely right. Both here and earlier, in the

force of Desuny Overrure. the RPO were in their usual lively form, the strings especially relishing some of Verdi's nifti-

Malcolm Hayes



# Soprano sensation

Lucia di Lammermoor City Theatre, Basle

Basie is the place to eatch the Lucia of the rising generation. Eva Lind, born in Innsbruck and now with the Vienna State Opera, has just turned 20. Basic had the wit to engage her to sing her first Lucia di Lammermoor and she has responded to this trust by giving the kind of perfor-mance that has had the hotshot agents, and one or two of the conductors who really do take the trouble to cast their own performnaces, descending on this small Swiss city. which has got into the habit of taking a chance with the new.

Opportunities of hearing a Lucia with a coloratura soprano carrying all the freshness of extreme youth are rare: even Sutherland on that famous February night over a quarter of a century ago had tackled close on a dozen heavyweight roles before turning to Lucy. Freshness is exactly what Lind's voice possesses, the type of sound the Victorians might perhaps have heard in the days of the teenage diva. With it go extreme musical intelligence, blonde good looks and a slim, tall frame that allows her to skitter across the surface of the stage.

The voice does not have the wistful shades for the Gothic dreams of "Regnava nel silenzio", but once Edgardo has entered the performance takes off. There is no glassiness in the coloratura, no hard edge. She soared over the orchestra in the sextet and sounded even better in the Mad Scene, where one perfect-ly controlled instrument (the voice) answers another (the flute) in charting poor Lucy's ravings. It comes as no great surprise that Eva Lind will be Adele in the new Fledermaus EMI are planning with Domingo conducting, and that Abbado has cast her as Oscar in the forthcoming Ballo at the Vienna State Opera.

Jean-Claude Auvray, a favourite producer at Basie, takes his cue in part from Lucia's imaginings by the Ravens-wood fountain. He begins hy having an audience of stern Victorians, dressed severely in black, assemble for a spa concert in a Malvern or aBuxton. Enter the soprano with her music to sing, presumably. Lucia and she immediately falls under the spell of the heroine, with her brief life and her crazed death.

ments looked clumsy, but then began to work its own magic in Mario Garbuglia's song would defeat many anelegant winter garden set. olber soprano.

The device for a few mo-



Eva Lind: one perfectly controlled instrument for the Mad Scene

complete with metal gallery and spiral staircase. The opera is played in the black and white of which dreams are made, transferring Lucia out of Scott's world of tam-o'shanters and sporrans into one closer to Wilkie Collins's spectres and women in white. And spectres were the stock-intrade of Donizetti and his instance. This highly imaginative staging was clearly de-vised as a vehicle for Eva Lind, whose fleetness of movement especially in full

The best of her colleagues and his arch-enemy in the was Emile Fath, given a club-foot as the villainous Enrico Raimondo sounded tired and foot as the villainous Enrico librettist Cammarano in this and sounded more suited to instance. This highly imaginaroles like Calaf. For obscure

and a facial make-up that made him a Donizetti double. His baritone lacked a true legato but it bas strength and burnished dark colouring. The Edgardo, Eduardo Villa, offered a cruder performance both vocally and dramatically. reasons Edgardo's aria from the final scene. Fra poco a me ricovero", which showed Villa at his best, was placed at the beginning of Act II, before the often-cut encounter of Enrico

it in him to produce another

This is not to discount Beverley some good jokes, and its plotting is skilful: a new young officer is given a night in which to prove his manhood with three ladies of his own choice. and accomplishes the task by cuck-olding the colonel, his adjutant (so it stunt: she has no illusions, but cherishes a belief that there is more to love than just.

These Iwo are the most fully developed roles, in the words and in the music, and they are sung here with a just mixture of smiles and pathos, yet with unfailing lyricism, by Joseph Cornwell and Rachael Hallawell. The others are mostly character parts: Roisin McGibbon sings with winning freshness and a tasty brogue as Cathleen. Robert Poulton properly blusters as the colonel and Sarah Pring as his wife is rightly formidable yet meltable to a certain touch. The orchestral playing is magnificent under Stephen Barlow, and Patrick

out of voice.

to come by.

The combination of Lind

and Auvray could have been

even more effective with a conductor funed to Donizetti.

Baldo Podic's handling of the

orchestra was too often insen-

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### The Rising of the Moon Guildhall School

Of all the things that might have been created at the end of the 1960s, an operatic romantic comedy must be One of the least likely, which is why the neglect of Nicholas Maw's The Rising of the Micen, after the performances at Glyndebourne for which it was commissioned, did not appear 50 lvery shameful. The piece simply had to be unworkable. But a glowing. good-humoured and richly pleasurable revival at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama has proved that it is not at all. And it surely cannot be that anyone has been put off by the

curtain-line wish of one of the characters, that the rest of the British army might depart from Irish shores with the 31st Royal Lancers. After all,

this is 1875.
Or is il? The strength of the opera is inseparable from its ambiguity about date - a kind of ambiguity for which Strauss provides the nearest model There is a sumptuous tide of waltzing that underlies a good bit of the score, and some of the more overtly comic numbers, such as the officers' drinking song or the Irish scherzo in the last act, are in a straightforward tonal style. But the music also knows about Berg and about Britten, without being bowled over by them, and it uses their cynicism not to attack its own romanuc heart but curiously to collude. If Maw were presented with a more complex libretto, he might have

Rosenkavalier.

Cross's achievement in his words for the present opera. The librelto has seems) and a visiting Prussian major. Moreover, the action provides for an almost emblematic meeting of the romantic and the cynical in the relationship between the resilient hero. Beaumont, and the Prussian major's wife. He, starry-eyed, is forced to treat sexual conquest as a

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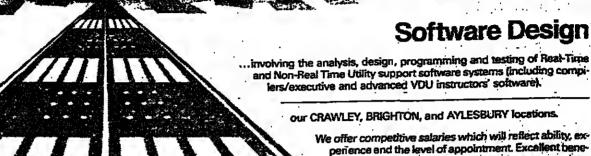


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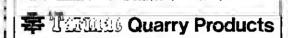
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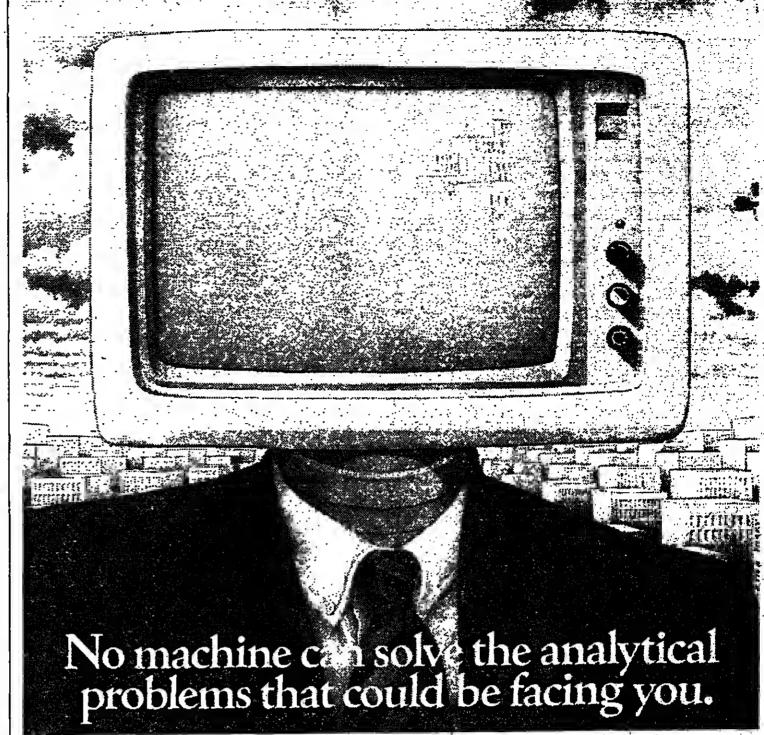
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**Appointments Continue** On Pages 26, 27 & 28

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### Tin rescue plan delay

The International Tin Council continued in emerwith Malaysia reported to be seeking an extension of the midnight deadline for acceptance of the rescue plan. The request was made to the creditor-bankers and brokers

of the ITC. The stumbling block for acceptance of the plan, which involves the creation of a new company to take over the ITC's in stocks, continues to be the attitude of the three South East Asian producers, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand The EEC signalled its acceptance of the plan. subject to minor modifications, yesterday morning.

### **CU** recovers

Losses at Commercial Union Assurance fell from £72.8 million to £58.8 million before tax in the year to December 31 1985. Premium income was down from £2.66 billion to £2.31 billion and the dividend is unchanged at

Tempus, page 19

### **BSR** plunge

BSR International's pretax result slumped from a profit of £26.8 million in 1984 to a loss of £5.9 million in 1985. Turnover fell from £402.7 million to £261.8 million. The dividend is unchanged at 2.4p per

Tempus, page 19

### Profit soars:

General Accident Fire & Life lifted profits from £3.9 million to £26.5 million before tax in the year to December 31 1985. Premium income was up from £1.88 hillion to £1.90 billion and the final dividend

### Tempus, page 19 MCD in talks

MCD Group, formerly Trafford Carpets, is in talks which may lead to a merger by way of an offer for MCD. A further announcement is to be Harbour; will be needed with

### Loan plea

Argentina is almost certain to seek a new International Monetary Fund loan programme to replace the \$1.42 billion special drawing rights standby loan which expires on March 31.

### £10m issue

Glass Glover Group, the food distributer, is raising £10 million by an issue of 10 million 6½ per cent stock, convertible into ordinary shares between 1990 and 2000 on a one-for-three basis.

### Bid response

McKechnie Brothers' offer for the whole of the issued share capital of Newman Tonks has been accepted for 876,756 ordinary shares (2 per cent) at the first closing date. McKechnie holds or has received acceptances for 7,526,756 shares (16.9 per

### Dalgety chief

Sir Peter Carey is to become chairman of Dalgety, the international merchants, on July l, when Mr David Donne retires. Sir Peter will serve as deputy chairman until then.

### Offer success

Watshams, the specialised instrument maker, received applications for 99.2 per cent of the shares on offer in its nghts issuc.

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FALL'S:

# Mergers and weak oil lift shares to record 1,301.3

Share prices achieved new records on the stock market yesterday. The FT 30- share index surged past the 1300 mark, rising 21.4 points to an all-time high of 1302.7 though it finished below its best for the day at 1301.3. The wider share indexes, the FT 100 and the FT all share index, also hit

new peaks.
Dealers cited the continuing wave of takeover activity in the City, coupled with the boost to company profits that the weak oil price is causing, as the underlying reason for the buoyancy. Hopes that interest rates around the world are headed down reinforced the optimistic mood in the US. Southwest Bank of St. Louis became the first US bank to cut its prime rate from

9.5 per cent to 9.25 per cent. Strong demand for leading equities, especially those due to report figures soon, ensured widespread gains. Among leaders, British Telecom gained 6p to 214p, P&O rose 19p to 525p, Glaxo was 17p bigher at 992p and Grand Metropolitan finished 7p bet-

Mobil has

new North

Sea find

By David Young Energy Correspondent

oil discovery has been made by Mobil 210 miles north-east of Aberdeen, close to its existing Beryl oilfield. Initial tests from four wells

drilled at the reservoir 13,000

feet beneath the seabed pro-

duced oil at rates of over 7,000

barrels a day. Further tests are

planned to find if the field can

been brought into production.

planning permission for a £265 million expansion programme for the Wytch Farm oilfield in Dorset which will

lift daily output from 5,500 barrels to 60,000 and increase

The expansion, if approved by Dorset County Council, will make Wytch Farm the largest onshore oilfield in

Europe, and BP hopes that

planning procedures can be

completed in time to allow full

production by 1989, 10 years

after the field first came on

A total of 16 planning applications have been submitted covering changes to the

gathering station and access roads. Only one new well site,

on Furzey Island in Poole

most of the new wells being drilled at existing sites. BP says that although oil produc-tion will increase tenfold, land

area required for the extension

At present oil from the field,

originally discovered and op-erated by British Gas in partnership with BP before the

Government ordered it to sell

its oil producing assets, comes

from the Bridport reservoir

3,000 feet below the surface.

The new wells will pass

through that reservoir into the larger undeveloped Sherwood

reservoir which has been dis-

covered 5,000 feet below the

surface.

A 10-mile pipeline taking oil from the field to a terminal at Southampton has already

been proposed by BP and been

recommended hy Dorset County Council, but is still being considered by Hamp-

Shire County Council.
 New figures issued by the

Department of Energy show that North Sea oil ontput is

still averaging 2.65 million barrels a day — enough to put Britain in fourth place for oil production behind Russia, the United States and Saudi Ara-

North Sea prices have now dropped to their lowest with

levels for April delivery being quoted at \$12.25 a barrel.

compared with above \$30 in

December. Prices for main

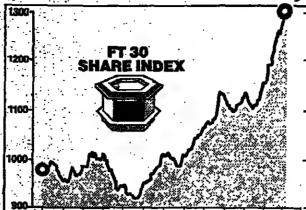
grades in the United States

will be very small.

natural gas production.

Onshore, BP has applied for

potentially commercial



Midland stages

strong recovery

ter-off at 420p. There were also widespread gains among sec-

ond-line shares. Some stockrokers gave warning that a reaction could soon set in and cautioned investors against committing any new money to equities for the time being

Mr John Mant of the stockbroking firm James Capel said he thought the market had become too speculative. Wood Mackenzie's Mr Adrian FitzGerald also said he was fundamentally cautious about prospects for share prices.

**Banking Correspondent** 

Midland yesterday became

the third English elearing bank

to report strong profits growth

for last year as it began its

recovery from heavy losses incurred by Crocker National,

the Californian subsidiary it is

now selling.
The bank also announced a

sweeping reorganization of its

operations into four divisions

including a new investment

banking group.

Midland reported an increase in pretax profits from

£189 million to £351 million,

which is at the upper end of

stock market explectations.

But while international busi-

ness improved significantly, it

ran into problems in the United Kingdom where provi-

sions for bad deht shot up. The bank was forced to

increase specific provisions in

the United Kingdom by £57

million because of two large

failures among its corporate

helped limit UK profit growth to £308 million from £281

million, an increase of 9.6 per

Lloyds and Narional West-

minster have reported 30 per

cent increases in their domes-

tic profits.
Midland's bad dehts on its personal banking husiness increased. Officials said this was

worldwide phenomenon hut

added that there was a disturb-

ing increase in defaults on

credit card accounts.

The bank is reorganizing into four main banking divi-

sions: retail, corporate, invest-

Midland Montagu Investment

Banking to handle dealing

broking, investment manage-

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Samuel Montagu, the mer-chant bank, with W

This involves creation of

ment and international.

activities.

But there were plenty of analysts who believe the rise in share prices would continue. Mr Peter Jones of W Greenwell, said the market pact of the weak oil price on company profits.

"Lower oil prices mean more cash for industry which in turn means higher dividends and continueing takeover activity," he said.
"Logic says there is bound

to be a reaction in share prices Tuesday on long-term Trea-but business confidence is sury bonds.

Sir Donald Barron: steps to strengthen balance sheet

Greenwell, the stockbroker,

and several Midland subsid-iaries and departments.

department, a move designed

Crocker returned to profitabil-

ity with net earnings of \$38 million (£26 million) in 1985.

steps to strengthen its balance

£4 billion, with total provi-sions for bad debt at £1

This, together with bene-fits to be derived from the sale

of Crocker, has placed the

group in a position to compete vigorously in a rapidly chang-ing environment," he said.

Midland's dividend re-mains unchanged at 25.5p

the capital markets. ..

sure to Mexico.

billion.

ing reason why prices should fall," Mr Jones said.

Putting the contrary view, James Capel pointed out that new issues, privatizations and known cash calls will tap the market for £5 hillion between

now and next October. This could end the high institutional liquidity which is one underlying cause for the current huoyancy in equities,"

he said. US markets continued their erratic largely optimistic trading pattern yesterday on the strength of a widely held belief that West Germany and Japan will soon lower their official lending rates and the US Federal Essenie Board will

The dottar opened higher in was only just beginning to New York as speculation in-appreciate the significant imwould cut its discount rate, by one half point, as early as today. At the same time, the US bond markets were hit by a wave of profit taking following a week of hectic trading and tumbling yields which dropped to 8 per cent on

### Yamani to seek oil price pact

The Saudi Arabian oil min ster, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani. meetrepresentatives of other

Gulf oil producing countries this weekend to try to reach an agreement on how to end the oil price crisis.

The countries, members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, hope to draw up an agreement which they can put to the full emergency ministe-rial meering of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Geneva

on March 16.
Sandi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are full Opec members, but Oman and Bahrain

The new division will also include the Group Treasury It is likely that both Oman and Bahrain will attend the to strengthen its presence in meeting between Opec and non-Opec members due to follow the ministerial meeting The loss on international-banking of £146 million in 1984 was turned into a profit on March 18.

Other non-Opec oil producthe Geneva meeting are Mexi-co, Malaysia and Egypt, but Britain and Norway have made it clear they will not Midland is selling Crocker to Wells Fargo, the Califor-nian retail bank, for about \$1 billion, but is keeping attend and have no intention of interfering with the oil companies' production sched-

Crocker's international loan book which more than dou-The Gulf Co-operation
Council has already said it
would prefer Opec to agree
new production levels within hles the English bank's expo-Announcing the results, Sir Donald Barron, the chairman, an overall quots of 16 million said that the bank was taking barrels a day to bring oil supply into line with world demand. Capital resources stood at

However, Libya, Iran and Algeria have suggested more drastic measures, including a total halt to oil production to force prices upwards.

# US orders up

January factory orders in the US rose by 0.4 per cent after a revised 2.2 per cent

### Textile jobs boost for Merseyside By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Up to 300 jobs are expected to be created this year with the Yangtzekiang Garment Man-ufacturing, one of Hong Kong's largest garment manufacturers.
YGM's decision to come to

Britain follows an ininarive by Mr Desmond Pitcher, group chief executive at the Littlewoods Organization, which is based at Liverpool and is one of Britain's largest private companies.

YGM is a big supplier to Littlewoods, which has chain store and mail order interests, have also fallen to close to \$12 and at first a substantial proportion of the Merseyside

production is expected to be taken up by Littlewoods. site negotiations are in progress, will produce trou-sers, shirts and blouses. There will be allowance made for additional expansion and jobs if trade justifies this.

British production is expected to be competitive on price and quality with that in Hong Kong where labour costs are no longer at low

The YGM decision was welcomed hy Merseyside County Council especially because of the high unemployment rate in the area.

Littlewoods itself expects to be creating about 2,500 jobs The new factory, for which this year, partly by opening more chain stores and also through the launch of a new chain called Inside Story which will specialize in household, electrical and leisure chain, now with 108 stores around Britain, will gain a Dumfries outlet in June while negotiations are at an advanced stage for two more, at Gateshead and Southend.

Linlewoods cut back on jobs early last year but has since been revamping many of its stores.

# Service industries 'the key to jobs'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Service industries, not man-important to guard against services employment inufacturing, provide the best exploitation in services, and creased by 30 per cent. bope for jobs in the future. Sir Terence said that part-time participants at a monthly jobs were not irrelevant even National Economic Develop- though the long-term unemment Council meeting agreed

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that it was vital that anitudes to services should change. "Services do hy 11.8 per cent. not mean servility," he said. Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union economies. Over the same Congress, and Sir Terence period German manufactur-Beckett, director-general of ing employment dropped by

Industry, agreed that it was unrealistic to look to manufacluring to provide large num-

director-general of the National Economic Development Office, set out the argument ployed would prefer full-time

Between 1974 and 1984 employment in manufacturmg fell hy 30 per cent, while employment in services rose Britain's experience match-

es that of the other major Beckett, director-general of ing employment dropped by the Confederation of British 17.9 per cent, while services employment rose 10 per cent. In the United States, which has a better jobs performance, manufacturing employment Mr Willis said that it was fell by 7.9 per cent while There is a case for more public

sector services employment, he said.

A paper by Mr John Cassels. Participants agreed that one way of boosting employment in services is to improve their quality. Rachel Waterhouse. that there is a mismatch between the jobs available and of the Consumers' Association, said that it was a regular those sought by the unemploycomplaint among consumers ment. Three quarters of the that reliable plumbers, decoralong-term unemployed are male, seeking full-time work. tors and car mechanics were difficult to find. One way of he said, hut most jobs are partimproving services could be to remove restrictive trade prac-In addition, there are geotices in the services, she

graphical mismatches between where the jobs are and Tourism, an area of increaswhere the unemployed live. ing emphasis in the Depart-The best opportunities are ment of Employment is an inservices. Mr Cassels said. area which has been poorly exploited. Sir Terence Beckett but this should not be confined to the private sector. of the CBI said.

### **Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet**

# Why the Bank would not waive the rules

charged with supervising the City are making every effort to mind their Ps and Qs. As big bang looms closer the large financial service companies are straining harder at the leash. At the same time the wave of mega-mergers is producing new practices which the regulators must also keep up with. Almost single-handedly, the mer-chant bank Morgan Grenfell has been responsible for a spate of new rules. The effect appears to be twofold. There is an increasing reliance on laying down rules and sticking to them. US style, instead of the old informal "Governor's eyebrows" approach. And there is a tendency to put the lid on innovations, to limit the amount of change in a rapidly

changing City. Yesterday's collapse of the merger talks between Morgan Grenfell and Exco neatly illustrates the Bank of England's approach to regulation at present. The talks were scuppered by the Bank's insistence on making no exception to the "O'Brien letter", an informal rule limiting the participation of banks in moneybrokers. The last time it was actively applied was in 1984 when Barclays agreed to sell off most of the holding in Charles Fulton which came with the purchase of Wedd Durlacber.

But as the new financial conglomerates grow in complexity the argument underlying the O'Brien provisions, that they prevent conflicts of interest, looks increasingly thin, Rather than making an exception to the rule or letting it quietly lapse, however, the Bank chose to stick to the letter. Offending Morgan Grenfell alone is not as bad as the danger of offending the whole bank-ing community, and if the banks ever want the rule changed, all they need do is say so. In the meantime, the Bank's policy is that rules are rules.

This comes hard on the heels of the new rule laid down by the Bank last Friday as a result of Morgan Grenfell's activities in the merger game. Here again, instead of an informal warning the Bank issued a detailed set of instructions on strategic share stakes. It was partly prompted by the fears of other merchant banks that their corporate customers would demand a similar service in takeovers in the near future, but the Bank itself was clearly

But Morgan Grenfell has already found a way round it by organizing a consortium of three banks to buy up to £111 million of Distillers' shares without transgressing the new limit of 25 per cent of capital. This is almost certain to prove the pattern of future takeover tactics by banks and the Bank of England appears to have failed to stop strategic share buying on a large scale.

Morgan Grenfell has also goaded the Stock Exchange into rulemaking.

It is hardly surprising that those Companies which are the target of takeovers may no longer underwrite the costs incurred by their suitors without shareholder approval - an obvious reaction to the £80 million Distillers may have to shell out on Guinness's takeover costs.

Whether any of these rules are subsequently relaxed when the regulators feel less embattled, probably well after big bang, remains to be seen. But for the time being they are leaving nothing to chance.

### A paper Budget?

Barring any last minute changes of mind by Nigel Lawson, the chan-cellor, the hudget will contain measures that will at last allow the growth of a sterling commercial paper market. The Bank of England has been sounding out the opinions of corporate treasurers and hankers in the last few months and the result has been resoundingly positive. There are plenty of potential horrowers among the country's largest companies while there would appear to be no shortage of investors among the hanks, pension funds and insurance companies.

It only requires a small adjustment to the rules governing securities to allow the introduction of commercial paper. At present anyone issuing paper with a maturity of less than one year is deemed to be subject to the Banking Act which carries with it the need to be licenced as a deposit-taker as well as supervision of the Bank of England. The chancellor dem-onstrated in last year's budget just how easy it is to change the rules when he exempted paper of between one and three years maturity from Banking Act criteria in an attempt to stimulate the sterling capital market. The effect of this was in fact minimal, so the exemption of even shorter term paper is the next step.

It will no doubt be some time before a British commercial paper market gets anywhere near the \$270 billion outstanding on the US mar-ket, but there are obvious advantages to this method of funding as American corporations have discovered. It is cheaper than overdrafts and London Interbank Offered Rate based loans and in general more flexible than sterling acceptances. Commercial paper does not, for example, have to be related to specific trad actions and can be issued for odd periods instead of traditional one three or six month maturities.

For investors the attractions include the diversification of exposure outside the banking sector where creditworthiness has declined as the interantional debt problem has escalated. Commercial paper is issued hy companies under their own name. The banks merely act as intermediaries arranging the issue of paper, making a secondary market.

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# The rattling quietens in CU's cupboard

agement took the nnusual life business as well as unrealstep of asking a firm of ized gains, actuaries to examine the level of provisions for the US million before tax this year, business. It proclaimed that the dividend is unlikely to be CU's reserves were sufficient; covered, so shareholders may but only after the company have to wait until 1987 for an had provided a further £59 increase. Against that back-

able to declare yesterday that it believes realistic provision.

system, this statement represents a huge step forward. a small increase yesterday for Clearly the worst is over. 1985.

This picture was confirmed by yesterday's figures for 1985, was not totally covered by which showed a reduced loss earnings, but the company of £58.8 million before tax, felt it could justify an increase even after the £59 million because of a good investment provision. Underwriting loss-performance and good proses in the US were cut from pects in 1986. £302 million to £231 million and there were also improvements in Canada and Britain. Life profits rose slightly but investment income was lower at £237 million, against £276

prospects for all the compos- should be sufficient to lift the ites are good. But investors have tended to assume that because CU has suffered more than its rivals from the recession, it has most to gain trading profits comes almost from recovery. But CU has straight through to earnings, cut back so drastically in the because its tax charge is US, with non-life premium traditionally low. Last year income down by 39 per cent there was even a £10 million last year, its potential is now tax credit, and this year the less than that of other compa-

Against this background, the company is unlikely to increase its dividend significantly until 1987. Yesterday's in sight, overseas interest figures showed a loss of 21.9p could well re-emerge, ala share before realized invest-though Allianz has presum-

Commercial Union has a fear dividend was maintained at of skeletons. It has, after all, 11.8p, but the company manfound a large number of the aged to offset the damage to American variety in recent shareholders' funds by in-So last year the new man-value of £90 million for the

million against some long-ground, the shares at 285p are term high-risk business now ahead of the game.

### With this backing, CU was General Accident

General Accident is further had been made against all along the road to recovery outstanding claims in the US, than Commercial Union.

While some caution is Whereas CU is unlikely to required, given the uncertain—increase its dividend signifities of the American liability cantly for another two years, General Accident announced

The increased dividend

Profits last year rose from £3.9 million to £26.5 million before tax and could top £120 million this year. This is because GA has already seen nuge increases in premiums.

million. This is not enough to make
With premium rates rising underwriting profitable this
in all the main markets, year, but the improvement pretax total, which also takes in profits on life business and investment income.

At GA any increase in charge should be no more than 12 per cent. This com-pares with CU's tax charge of 53 per cent.

With this sort of recovery ment gains. Nevertheless, the ably satisfied its appetite by trades at a 12 per cent discount to stated net assets, which is not unusual among British composites. By contrasi American companies

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tend to trade at premiums. Even without takeover speculation, the whole sector is likely to continue to outperform the market, and GA should be in the lead. BSR

### Presiding over losses is nothing new for BSR's chairman, Bill Wyllie, the corporate

rescuer who was brought in to save the company from bankruptcy in 1982. The pretax loss of £5.9 million for 1985 was, if anything, worse than expect-ed but optimistic statements

about a surge in orders in the first half of 1986 set the shares light, carrying them up 22p The rest of 1986 looks more problematic. Much of the order book consists of orders rescheduled by hard-pressed eustomers from 1985.

Nor does BSR have the market to itself. There is an mcreasing tendency for man-ufacturers to double source its components and despite being the acknowledged mar-ket-leader at the low end of the power scale, it will need to work hard to gain market as it moves up the wattage scale.

Investors are pinning their hopes on new products. Cel-lular radio is already a highly competitive market but BSR is aiming to build its share. An entirely new concept is Electronic Billboards where the group appears to have new technology. Whether it takes off remains to be seen.

Most analysts appear to be upgrading their 1986 profit expectations. Wood Mackenzie's forecast of 7.5p per share puts the shares on a prospective multiple of 15. BSR may be off its knees but this rating discounts a lot of

### **Economist** to join Salomon

By David Smith **Economics Correspondent** 

Salomon Brothers, the Wall Street investment house specializing in bond markets, has recruited a leading City economist for its London gilt-edged operation.

Mr Malcolm Roberts, chief economist at the stockbroker Laing & Cruickshank and director of research for the Alexanders/Laing Cruickshank primary gilts dealership, will join Salomon

Brothers this mouth. He has been with Laing & Cruickshank for nine years.

Salomon Brothers has declared its intention of establishing a major presence in the gilts market in London. Mr Roberts will become vice president of economics and gilts research and one of his tasks will be to build up a research

His departure is the latest in a series of moves by City economists and is a considerable blow for Laing & Cruickshank, which will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mr John Barkshire's Mercantile House. No signing on fee, or "golden hello," is

involved.
In the US bond market economists perform a central role for the primary government bond dealers. Wall Street's best-known economist, Dr Henry Kaufman, is with Salomon Brothers in New York

Mr Roger Bootle, formerly ebief economist with Capel-Cure Myers, will be joining Lloyds Bank's primary gilts dealer this month.

Mr Gavyn Davies and Mr David Morrison are taking the economics team from Simon & Coates to the American firm Goldman Sachs next month.

Merger talks Rainc Industries is in talks about a possible merger with a substantial private building

and contracting company.

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continued and share prices areexpected today, was in

reached record levels again as demand at 453p, up 24p. Also measured by the FT 30-share expecting trading news soon

ndex which crossed the 1.300

level at middey. The index closed at 1.301.3, a gain of

Leading equilies again en-

countered the bulk of demand

but there were still many good

spots among secondary issues.

ICI illustrated the market

trend adding another 6p at 967p (after 972p) while P&O, ahead of results later this month and still drawing

strength from very good op-tion business, climbed 19p to

exactly 20 points.

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the lower levels, and the shares ended 10p up at 287p. Satisfactory results put 5p on General Accident at 825p.

and meeting support was BTR 10p up at 443p. GKN improved 6p to 337p and United News was 10p better at Gilts were around 3-8 higher at one stage, relinquishing Better-than-expected tradthe advantage at the end of the

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares touch new highs as

leaders stay in demand

The banking sector re-mained in the limelight, but profit-taking developed in the wake of Midland's results. Its shares closed 8p easier at 479p. Poor figures at first

RECENT ISSUES

but buyers soon came back at

Investment buying gave a 23p fillip to British Aerospace at 583p, while Cable and Wireless rose 11p to 678p in response to a recent circular.

ing news gave a 17p lift to BSR at 110p, while the annual statement helped Bine Arrow 10 a 10p rise at 288p. Raine at 49p, and Raybeck

Merger talks put 8p on after the bid approach climbed 5 1-2p to 44p.

23p up at 496p, and Sears, which rose 3 1-2p to 127 1-2p. and Siebe, 12p higher at 785p.

News that the Morgan Grenfell talks are off lowered Exeo 15p to 219p. The Grovewood sale continued to benefit BAT. 19p higher at 375p. but Fisons ran into some profit-taking after Tuesday's good figures shedding 15p at 513p.

Oils staged a recovery under the lead of BP 8p higher at 528p. Kaffirs scored modest gains ranging from 10 cents to

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475 21': up 1': Westland N/P (Issue price in brackets).

### Burton 'now second only to M&S'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Burton Group's share of the menswear and womenswear markets is now second only to that of Marks and Spencer, and growing rapidly as other innovative chains like Next also penetrate these markets.

This has placed Marks and Spencer, the elear market leader, under pressure although a slip in market share last year is likely to be followed by another increase

These are estimates from a

report\* by Verdict, the retail trade analyst, which suggests that Marks and Spencer lost half a percentage point of market share last year. That represents about £55 million.

M&S was likely to push itsmarket share from year's 15 per cent to 16 per cent this year. Verdict says. Burton Group has 8.5 per cent of the menswear market and 4.6 per cent of womens-

In both the men's and women's markets. C&A - like company - is running at number three, with 4.8 per cent market share in mens-wear and 3.8 per cent in womenswear. British Home Stores and Littlewoods are

both in the top six in each \*Verdict on Clothing and Footwear Retailers, Verdict Research, 54 Britton Street.

### Bids cleared

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has decided not to refer five proposed mergers or acquisitions to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. They are Irving International Financing 5mith St Aubyn (Holdings); Rodamco Properties' take-over of Haslemere Estates; Security Pacific's purchase of the remaining 70.1 per cent of Hoare Govett; Barclays Bank's purchase of an addi-tional 45.1 per cent stake in Wedd. Durlacher, Mordauot and Co; and Barclays's purchase of an additional 70 per cent stake in de Zoete and

There will also be no referral of the proposed establishment of a joint venture company by Cadhury Schweppes and the Coca-Cola

### **BTP** wins

BTP has sufficient acceptances to exercise its right to acquire compulsorily the Dufay Bitumastic shares it does not already own.

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### Life offices sued over premiums

By Lawrence Lever

Further details are emerging of lawsuits being brought against leading life offices over the disappearance of pension and life assurance money paid to an insurance intermediary

now in liquidation.
Life offices are resisting claims that bundreds of thousands of pounds were received by the intermediary acting as

Clerical Medical has con-firmed that a £186,000 action has been brought against it as a result of missing payments. A company spokesman said: The action has been brought by the trustees of pension scheme who had a pensions contract with us. They are asking for a declaration that certain moneys paid to this broker are held by us for them."

The company would be defending the action. The law on this point is quite clear," the spokesman said.
"The intermediary acts as agent for the assured even though he is paid commission

The spokesman declined to confirm that Clerical Medical had a formal agency agreement with the broker. A separate case, involving the same broker, who, for legal reasons, cannot be named, is being brought against Friends

The Quakers Life Office

A BMW dealer, who set up a pension scheme for himself, his wife and son, alleges this sum was paid to the broker. The life office says it has never received it and, in any event, is raising the same defence as Clerical Medical—that the broker was not its

The broker recommended Friends Provident," the BMW dealer said. "We put £100.000 into the pension scheme over the years; but Friends Provident says it has received only £75,000."

Friends Provident said it was defending the claim through solicitors in London.

Another life office mvolved in the missing money saga is Equity & Law. One of its policyholders, who was funding a pensions policy through the intermediary, said: "I am 60 years old and started paying £2,000 a year in 1980. I've been told that the pay-ment for 1983 has gone miss-

### £27m deal

National Starch and Chemi cal Corporation, a member of the Unilever Group, is to buy a corn-milling plant at Ham-burg. West Germany, from a subsidiary of CPC Interna-tional for DM6O million (£27.3 million). National Starch will make a substantial additional investment there for the production of special-

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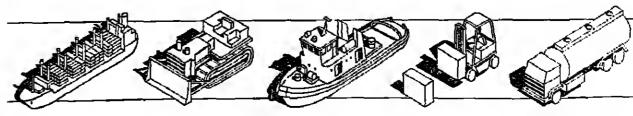
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### US checks loans system

From Bailey Morris

The US Congress has launched an urgent investiga-tion into the health of America's 3,200 savings and loan institutions which have been badly bruised by failing loans and deposit runs.

Both the US Senate and House banking committees are trying to determine whether the Federal insurance system is adequate.

Congressional officials will also examice the resources available 10 the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Industry analysts estimate that up to one third of the 3.200 savings associations are in danger of going under.

Profit and Loss Account

Investment Income (see note).
Underwriting - General Business Result .....
Long Term Business Profits.

Profit after Taxation
Minority Interest and Preference Dividends

Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders.....

Net Assets per Share.....

and Underwriting Result

U.K. 582.0 U.S.A 677.4 EEC other than UK 102.8 Canada 144.7

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(before internal reinsurance)

Australia
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 Less Interest on Loans
 2.0

 Profit before Taxation
 26.5

 Taxation - U.K. and Overseas
 (10.0)

Note- Investment Income which increased by 11.9% in original

currencies excludes £11.5m (1984 £10.7m) representing amortisation

of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account

I nere was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our Long Term funds, which also recorded UK new business production as follows:

New Life and Annoity Premiums

Annual

Single

25.7

28.9

48.2

The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders

at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 7th May 1986,

a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 14.0p per share

payable on or after 1st July 1986, to Shareholders on the register

on 1st June 1986. The total dividend for the year of 22.0p per share (1984-20.0p per share) will cost £37.0m (1984 £33.6m).

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1985

conventions would be credited to earnings.

# Join EMS now, says independent group

Britain should target its exchange rate, and preferably now become a full member of the European Monetary System at an exchange rate of about three marks to the pound, according to an inqui-ry report by an independent

group of bankers, industrial-ists and academics yesterday. This is the conclusion of the majority of a committee set up by the Public Policy Centre, chaired by Lord Croham, chairman of Guinness Peat and formerly Permanent Sec-

retary to the Treasury. However, three members of the committee, while agreeing that the Government should declare an exchange rate tar-

General Accident

**RESULTS FOR 1985** 

WORLDWIDE RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 1985

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1985 will be published on 14th April 1986, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1985, with actual figures for 1984, are as

get believe that this should be 1970s, the committee believes based on "zooes" set by the that the system has been characterized by substantial Government, independently of the EMS. currency misalignments and a

while in the

The committee included Professor John Williamson, Senior Fellow of the Institute of International Economics in damental equilibrium ex-change rate for the pound.

This suggests that sterling is still overvalued. According to the committee, a figure of about 70 on sterling's tradeweighted index would be appropriate, about 51/2 per cent below present levels.

Since the collapse of fixed exchange rates in the early

lack of discipline on national overspending and of incentives to co-ordinate policies. his report, however, points Washington, who has made out that West Germany — a detailed calculations of a fim-country which has pursued

country which has pursued both monetary targets and relative exchange rate stability" - has suffered milder swings in competitiveoess than either the United States or Britain. The three mioority members argue that the Govern-ment should declare its own

target to leave itself free to adopt a "flexible and pragmat-ic approach" in the early stages of the move towards an active exchange rate policy. But the majority believes that a commitment to a "functioning and successful mechanism like the EMS has greater credibility, which would lead to a "much quicker

independent exchange rate

of market build-up confidence". The majority favours entering the EMS with wide fluctuation margins for the pound (allowing it to move by 6 per cent either side of a central rate, as for the liral, at least for

an initial period.
Instead of waiting for the pound to fall to a lower, more suitable level for entry, the vours immediate entry, but with margins around a "central rate" rather lower than present market rates.

The committee is to publish fuller report in May, but it decided to present its principal conclusions in advance of the Budget decisions on mooey and exchange rate policy.

### APPOINTMENTS

Protech International (UK): Mr Ian Bacon and Mr Jeremy Burchell have become manag-

ing directors.

Wrightsoo Wood: Dr Colin Wall has been made a direc-Kleinwort Benson: Mr

Callum McCarthy and Mr Graham Pimlott have been named as directors. Ocean Transport and Trad-

ing: Mr Peter Izod Marshall has become a non-executive Norman, Broadbent Inter-national: Mr T G Parry Rogers has been named as a

oon-executive director. Dobson Park Industries: Mr H Poelson has become technical director. Mr : E C Townsend is to be financial director, replacing Mr G H Edwards, who is to be a non-



5.6 1.7 3.9 (8.1)

Alan Hutt, above, has been appointed as director of legal services for Honeywell.

British Steam Specialties: Mr Roy D Thompson has become an executive director.
Gartmore: Mr Jeremy
Seames has joined the board. Bestobell: Mr Roy Thomas has been named as a noo-

executive director.

ARC: Mr Jules Draper has become managing director. south eastern region. Price Waterhouse: Mr R J (Tom) Walls has become di-

rector, public sector services.

COMPANY NEWS · HIGHLAND ELECTRON-CS: Interim dividend 5 per cent (same) for the six months to Oct. 31, 1985; Turnover £6.36 million (£5.68 million). Pretax profit £513,456 (£502,775). Earnings per share 3.58p (3.170).

• YELVERTON INVEST-MENTS: No dividend for the year to Oct. 31, 1985. Pretax profil £24.000 (loss £143.000). Earnings per share 0.5p (loss 0.8p). Net assets per share 34p

• CRUSTS: Interim dividend 0.35p for the six months to Dec. 29, 1985. Turnover £2.12 million (£752,000). Pretax profit £267,000 (£95,000). No tax (nil). Earnings per share 5.67p

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### BASE LENDING RATES

AEN.	12777
Adam & Company	1244
BCC1	121-7
Citibank Savings†	1244
Consolidated Crds	125%
Continential Trust	125%
Co-operative Bank	124%
C. Hoare 8 Co	124%
LLoyds Bank	124%
Nat Westminster	1212%
Royal Bank of Scotland	12157
TSB.	126%
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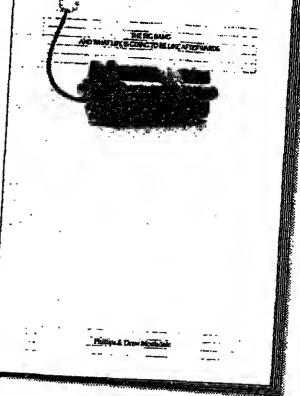
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Commercial Union 12 MONTHS REVIEW to 31 December 1985

# "Current trading is improving and the Directors recommend a maintained dividend"

An unaudited operating profit of  $\mathcal{L}.2m$ , before taxation and a special United States claims provision of £59m in respect of discontinued business, was earned for the year to 31 December 1985 (1984 loss £72.8m). The loss attributable to shareholders, after taxation and the special United States claims provision, was £30.5m (1984 loss £34.9m). Shareholders' funds amounted to £1.161m after the inclusion of a value of £90m for the Northern Non-Participation Life fund from which all profits accrue to shareholders. The Directors recommend a maintained final dividend.

Operations outside the United States produced an operating profit before raxation of £119.8m (1984 £74.1m), while a loss of £119.6m, before taxation and the special provision, was sustained in the United States (1984 loss £146.9m).

In underlying terms non-life premium income showed a reduction of 6% and investment income of 1%. This was a consequence of the reduced level of our operations in the United States.

Life operations continued to grow and life profits increased to £80.3m.

In the Utited Kingdom, there was a sharp improvement in the operating profit before taxabon. The result reflects the actions we have taken in underwriting and pricing which led to improved claims experience in most major classes, particularly for commercial business.

In the United States, following management changes in 1983, a major programme of corrective action was introduced and implemented. The objectives of this programme have now been achieved with the final action taken at the end of 1985.

A most important element of the programme, now completed, was a review of claims practices to establish confidence in the adequacy of claims provisions. In 1984 a more conservative approach than that used previously was established, and in 1985 we were also able to benefit from external actuarial advice. In 1985 the underwriting result included the effect of strengthening prior years' claims provisions by £139m (\$200m), of which £42m (\$60m) was contributed by the exceptional surplus release from our United States pension fund.

In addition, as protection against further adverse development in respect of prior years' claims for the discontinued Special Underwriting Group business, reinsurance protection of £139m (\$200m) has been given to our United States subsidiary. This has cost our London operations £59m (\$85m), which has been charged as a special provision, and has been used to purchase securities, with a face value of £139m (\$200m), having manunty dates in the 1990's and

later, when any claims materialising could be expected to be paid, The Board believes, based upon our internal analysis, complemented by the external advice we have received, that realistic provision has been made for all outstanding claims in the United States.

We expect a significant improvement in profitability in the United States this year as further substantial rate increases have been achieved, 30% in commercial lines and 8% in personal lines in 1985. Excluding the adverse impact of prior years' claims strengthening, 1985 showed a considerable improvement over 1984 and this. together with the expectation of continued rate increases, gives a high level of confidence to our outlook for 1986.

In the Netherlands, Canada and Rest of the World, despite the effect of competitive pressures on trading conditions, satisfactory operating profits were achieved.

The stability provided by life profits, the continued financial strength of the Company and the improving trends in the United Kingdom. United States and Canada are all most encouraging. However, at this stage, the Directors consider it appropriate to do no more than maintain an unchanged final dividend and accordingly recommend a final dividend of 6.950p per share payable on 16 May 1986. Together with the interim dividend of 4.850p this gives a total dividend of 11.800p (1984 11.800p) per share. These dividends, including preference dividends for 1985, amount to £48.7m.

This announcement does not constitute full accounts for the year. Comes of the full accounts, which have not ver been reported upon by the Auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 20 March 1986 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 14 April 1986.

Name of Street, or other Persons, or other Persons		
	1985	1984
	£m	Ĺm
Premium income		
Life	552.8	40
Non-life	1,753.2	2.15
Total	2,306.0	2,65
Investment moome net of		
loan interest	236.7	275
Underwriting result after	/225 0-	. 4 3/
exceptional item Life profits	(325.7) 80.3	(439 71
Associated companies' earnings	8.9	i
Operating profit/(loss) before		
taxation and special provision	.2	173
Special United States claims		
provision in respect of discontinued business	(59.0)	
O		
Operating loss before taxation but after special provision	(58-8)	(7:
Taxarion and minorities	131-6)	```
Operating loss after raxation,		
minorities and special provision	(90.4)	(88
Realised investment gams	59.9	5
Loss attributable to shareholders	(30.5)	(34
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Earnings per share  - Operating loss after raxation.		
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- Less armbutable to	(~ 112.3h)	,7
shareholders	(7.40p)	18.4
Shareholders' Funds	£1,161m	£1,073
SHARINGES TURNS	71.1 <u>67.11</u>	a. 1, 1, 1
Operating profit/(loss) before		_
taxation and special provision	£m	£m
United Kingdom United States	71.5 (119.6)	13
United States Netherlands	38.8	(146 4 <u>1</u>
Canada	5.6	-+ ه
Rest of the World	3.9	10
and of the world		
	<u></u> 2	(72 ========
Rares of Exchange		
United States	\$1.44	\$1
Netherlands	FIs4.00	Fls4
Canada	\$2.01	\$1



Net Assets

The net asset value of the group increased during the year by £188m to £1,580m.

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million rights issue are reported by Heywood Williams, a manufacturer of building ma-terials at Huddersfield, West

The final dividend for 1985 is being raised from 3.8p to 4 33p. making a total of 6.75p. compared with 6p. Turnover million new ordinary shares on a one-for-four basis at 150p to £102.1 million, while pretax each. £5.52 million. Earnings per share climbed from 10.4p to

1985, have been treated as satisfactory.

### dividend and plans for a £7.8 COMPANY NEWS

group members throughout last year; the figures for 1984 have been adjusted on the same basis.

Heywood is to raise about £7.8 million, after expenses, by the issue of up to 5.38

profit on ordinary activities The hoard seports that currose from £3.6 million to rent trading results are ahead of last year and it considers prospects both in Britain and the US to be favourable. It is Planet Group and Birming-confident that the results for ham Powder, acquired during 1986 will be highly



### Invitation for Offers to Purchase

Offers are invited to purchase the assets and operanons of the Seleo Group, the marine interests of Pan-Electric Industries Limited based in Singapore, currently under liquidation.

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> The Provisional Liquidators Pan-Electric Industries L1d en Price Waterhouse 1 Science Centre Road #08-00 Unity House

Singapure 2260 Telephone: 561-2222 Telev: PW ANDCO RS 23039

• WOODSIDE PETRO-LEUM: Net loss for 1985, Aus \$8,73 million (about £4.23 mil-lion), against a profit of Aus \$4.27 million. No dividend

SAVE AND PROSPER GOLD FUND: Year to Jan. 31, 1986. No dividend. Dividends and deposit account interest £139.356 (£210.863), underwriting commission £4.479 (£5.107), making £143.835 (£215.970). Net revenue £21.652 (£87.736).

A half-time deficit is announced by William Sinclair Holdings, a plant breeder and seed specialist, at Boston, Lincolnshire. In the six months to Dec. 31, 1985, the six months to Dec. 31, 1985, the company made a prefax loss of £129.000, against a profit of £31.000 last time. Turnover shrank from £10.64 million to £10.31 million. However, the interim dividend is being maintained at 1.65p, payable on April 3. The board explains that the first-half results never reflect the outcome for the full year. the outcome for the full year.

• NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT INVESTMENT TRUST: Results for the year to Dec. 31, 1985, compared with the previous nine months. A final dividend of 2.5p (1.5p) is being paid on May I. making 4p (3.5p). Gross revenue £3.29 million (£2.77 million). Pretax revenue £2.7 million (£2.35 million). The hoard is recommending the adoption of new articles of association.

to Jan. 5, 1986. Interim dividend 0.6p (samel. Turnover £8.02 million (£8.18 million).
Pretax loss £688.000 (profit £1.85 million). Loss per share

• TELEMETRIX: Six months

• CARLTON COMMUNICA-TIONS: Mr Michael Green, the chairman, told the annual meet-ing that the eurrent year had started well. Profits before tax were significantly ahead of the first four months of last year.

opportunities for further expaosion.

F S RATCLIFFE: Half-year to Oct. 31, 1985. Sales 11.14 million (£815,450). Pretax profit £1.770 (loss £57,922). Tax nil (nil). Earnings per share 0.22p

Cartion would cootinue to seek

(nil). Earnings per share U....p (loss 7.29p). • FLEMING MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST: Final dividend 2.35p, making 3.6p (3p) for the year to Jan. 31, 1986. Dividends and interest £10.46 million (£9.26 million). Pretax net revenue £8.35 million (£6.75 million). Earnings per share 3.87n (3.21p). 3.87p (3.21p).
• SANTOS: Consolidated

operating profit, before tax, for 1985 was Aus \$240 million (£115 million), an increase of 122.3 per cent. Sales revenue Aus \$506.5 million (Aus \$287.5 cents (8 cents), making 20 cents

STOTHERT & PITT: No interim dividend for the six months to Dec. 31, 1985. Turnover £12.33 million (£12.37 million). Pretax loss £1.42 million (loss £128,000). Loss per share 55.4p (5p). The board reports that the changes made between Sept. and Dec. last year will lead to a much improved situation during the second half of this year. Early results are encouraging, with improving order books in each of the four

2.8p (carnings 6p).

• JOHNSON, MATTHEY:

The eompany has sold Eagle
Transfers to Millden Signs. This transaction, which includes the sale of premises at Lichfield to cash. The group plans to a following the new Course Millends Co. • TOPS ESTATES: Contracts the new Central Midlands Co- the malls to create a fully operative Society for use as its administrative headquarters, ment. The company intends to generates about £1 million for seek a full listing at the earliest

reporting for the six months to Sept. 30, 1985. Turnover £214.000 (£48.000). Pretax loss £157,000 (£116,000). Tax nil (nil). Loss per share 1.41p (0.84p). The company iscollaborating with a consortium. Cahlevision Bedfordshire, with a view to applying for the franchise for South Bedfordshire.

RTZ): Losses, before tax. Aus \$18.33 million (about £9 million) for 1985, against a profit of Aus \$90.38 million. Dividend, one cent a share, compared with four cents last time. Consolidated net losses, after income tax, Aus \$69.13 million (profit Aus \$20.36 million).

• WILLIAM BEDFORD:

Dividend 4.5p (nil) for 1985. Turnover £2.9 million £2.55 million). Pretax profit £938.151 (£650,686). Earnings per share 11.9p (8.6p). The board reports that to date in the current year. sales are holding their own. It believes that good prospects exist for a recovery in the European market in the last part of this year, based on the fall in in the European economies.

Raybeck, the London clothing manufacturer and retailer, has been approached by a con-sortium of institutional investors and managers of Raybeci subsidiaries which may lead to an offer being made for the company. The directors advised shareholders to take no action abouttheir shares until an amouncement is made.

• BROOKE TOOL EN-GINEERING: Mr Fane Vernon, the chairman, told the annual meeting that in the first four months of the current year the group had achieved a substantial increase in sales and operating profit was up by more than 35 per cent compared with the equivalent period last year.

BP CANADA: The company has reduced its semi-annual dividend from 40 to 35 cents a share because of the current weakness and uncertainty about

# Councillors' delay in setting rate is wilful misconduct

Smith and Others v Skinner Gladden and Others v McMa-

bon Before Lord Justice Glidewell. Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice Russell

Justice Russell
[Judgment given March 5]
Lambeth and Liverpool councillors were guilty of wilful misconduct which caused loss or incurred deflency when knowingly or with reckless indifference they, by their votes, council their recent services.

indifference they, by their votes, caused their respective councils to act unlawfully by deferring without a valid reason, the making of a rate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing appeals under section 20(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982 by 32 councillors of Lambeth London Recount Council sessions the Borough Council against the decision of the district auditor decision of the district auditor for Lambeth on September 6, 1985 certifying the sum of £126,947 to be due from the councillors both jointly and severally as being loss incurred or defiency caused by their wilful misconduct and when dismissing appeals by 49 councillors of Liverpool City Council from the decision of the district auditor for Liverpool who had

auditor for Liverpool who had on September 6, 1985 certified the sum of £106,103 to be due from the councillors both jointly and severally as being loss incurred or deficiency caused by

incurred or deficiency caused by their wilful misconduct.

Mr Lionel Read, QC and Mr John Howell for the Lambeth eouneillors; Mr Pntriek Clarkson for Lambeth Borough Council: Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Miss Beverley Lang for the Liverpool eouncillors; Mr Charles Cross for Liverpool City Council; Mr Anthony Scrivener. QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the OC and Mr Mark Lowe for the

district auditors.
LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said that by section 20(4) of the 1982 Act. a member of a local authority who was certified to have caused by his wilful misconduct a loss or deficiency exceeding £2,000 was also disqualified for being a member of a local authority for five years.

These appeals were therefore

of great importance to all the appellants. They also raised issues of law relating to the conduct of local authorities and which there was no authority binding the court

A local authority's revenue expenditure was financed by income from three sources: (a) rates paid by the ratepayers; (h) grants of various kinds made by central government; and (e) rents for houses and other property leased by the authority, and charges for the supply of In relation to each appeal

there were three questions for the court to decide (1) Did the council act unlawfully in defer-ring the making of a lawful rate? If so - (2) Were the councillors; by voting in a way which resulted in the council acting unlawfully, guilty of withit mis-conduct? If so (3) Did the wilful misconduct of the counficiency alleged by the auditor?

consideration, in relation to each council of the actions of the councillors and of their state of mind. It was submitted that the

auditors did not give lo any of the councillors a fair or proper opportunity to answer some of the points upon which, according to the reasons given by the auditors, each based his decision; that accordingly both decisions were invalid and of no effect, and that the court ought so to declare and to quash them; and thus that the court ought

and thus that the court ought not to give any decision on the issues arising on an appeal against a valid certificate. His Lordship described the course the auditors adopted. When on September 6, 1985 the auditors issued their certificates, they were not obliged by statute to give at that stage any reason for their decisions but section 20(2)(6) of the 1982 Act required them, if asked by any person aggrieved, to state in writing the reasons for their

Anticipating such a request, each of them supplied a statement of reasons with his decision. In each case that statement was much more extensive and detailed than the notes given by each auditor on June 26, 1985.

Deciding whether the com-plaints that the auditors did not act fairly were justified required consideration of the role of an auditor acting under section 20 of the 1982 Act. It was an

unusual ooe.
The auditor was first required, as part of his normal duty when conducting an audit, to investigate the way in which the local authority's financial

the local authority's financial affairs had been conducted. The words in section 20(1) "where it inpoers to the auditor" then imposed on him the task of deciding, on the material before him, whether "a loss has been incurred or deficiency caused by the wilful misconduct of any person." At that stage he was acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. Finally, on an appeal such as this, he was the respondent, and

this, he was the respondent, and thus a protagonist, seeking to support the decision he had already made. In all those capacities he was required to act

capacities he was required to act in the public interest.

Asher v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1974] Ch 208) was authority for the proposition that an issue as to the validity of an nuditor's decision might be challenged by way of appeal under section 20(3), not that it could not be challenged in any other way. That challenge, of course, arose after the appeal had been heard and decided.

The decision therefore did not

The decision therefore did not The decision therefore did not prevent the procedure of applying for judicial review and at the same time entering an appeal from being adopted, and if the same situation arose again, that was the course which should be colleged.

was the course which should be followed.

The question was having regard to all the circumstances of the case, did each of the auditors give to the appellants a reasonable and fair notice of the case they had to meet, and a case they had to meet, a

tions in respons Each of the auditors did give to the councilors a fair and proper notice of the case they had to meet, and a proper opportunity to make representaopportunity to make representa-tions in response. That ground of challenge in relation to each appeal therefore failed.

The decisions of the auditors

of September 6, 1985 were both validly made. His Lordship turned to consider the substance of the appeals.

Having set out the history of events and the councillors' com-ments, his Lordship returned to the three issues which had to be decided in relation to each

Lambeth A council had to make a rate in time to ensure that they began to receive their rate income as soon as was reasonably prac-ticable, unless there was some valid reason for delaying the

making of the rate.
In the circumstances of some councils, delay of more than a few days beyond April 1, would be prima facte unreasonable and therefore unlawful.

It was submitted on behalf of the councillors that although Lambeth was ratecapped and the council objected to the Rates Act 1984 as an improper restric-tion on their powers, they did not in fact wish to make n rate higher than that permitted by law. The council believed they had cause to ask for more government money, and that

they might receive more.

Their problem was that, m order to make a legal rate without receiving more money from central Government, the council were obliged to budget to reduce their expenditure. But councillors decided that,

if they took that step before or no the beginning of the financial year, they would not be able to persuade the secretary of state to make more funds available. Sotheir decision to defer making the rate was both rational and

The normal steps by which an unthority which had full free-dom of action made a rate was envisaged in section 2 of the General Rate Act 1967 as being: (i) To estimate, to the best of their ability, the total expen-diture in the year in question. (ii) To calculate the likely total of receipts from rents and charges, and of monies to be received from central Govern-ment, together (where appro-priate) with any sum to be taken

(iii) To make a rate sufficient to cover the balance of (i) less (ii). When, however, a council were rate-capped, the process was effectively reversed. Once the maximum rate was known, (iii) became a definite amount.

If there was certainty, or certainty with narrow limits, about the total amounts under head (ii), the council's task was so to reduce budgetted expenditure down to no more than the total of (ii) plus (iii).

an obligation in law to do that, Liverpool could make a lawful even though the councillors rate was by reducing expen-

(oot was either here urged as an excuse) for not obeying the law.
Here, Lambeth Council knew
the figure of the maximum rate
which could be made when the secretary of state announced it in early February 1985. They knew at the same time the amount of rate support grant the secretary of state had an-nounced their target, the effect of penalties, and that up to the end of March they had not been granted the disregardd they

sought.
However reluctant the council were to make a lawful rate before April 1, 1985 by hudgetting for reductions in expenditure, they had before them the information to enable

them to do so.

If thereafter the secretary of state had granted disregards which effectively increased the rate support grant paid to the council, either expenditure could have been increased, or the rate could have been re-

In what way would making a rate at that stage have made it less likely that he would grant disregards later? The only logical answer was deferring the rate contained an implied threat that services would deteriorate and collapse, and the secretary of state would have to intervene.

His Lordship accepted that
none of the councillors in fact
intended to allow services to

collapse and chaos to ensue, hut that they were willing to use the threat was the only logical inference to be drawn from the

facts.

A reason for not making or deferring the making of a rate, if it was to be a valid justification for what would otherwise be a breach of the council's duty to make a lawful rate at the proper time, had to be a reason relating to the rate itself.

the rate itself.

But a decision to defer with the object of threatening the secretary of state that chaos would ensue if he did not make more funds available was not based upon a reason related to the rate or rate making I were the rate or rate making. It was a decision taken for an extraneous

decision taken for an extraneous and improper reason.

His Lordship concluded that in not making a lawful rate by the beginning of the financial year, Lambeth Council acted unlawfully.

What the councillors did by voting to defer making a rate was wrong. That they so voted deliberately was clear. The question was, did they know, or were they recklessly indifferent, as to whether what they were doing was wrong?

was wrong?
Each of the councillors said
that he or she sincerely believed
that what they did was lawful
because it was in the reasonable
expectation of obtaining more

It was clear that counciling were given information and advice from which it should have been clear to them, if not by the end of March, then certainly by April 30, 1985 that what they were doing was

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in continuing to vote to defer the Lambeth making a rate, the Lambeth councillors wilfully disregarded that advice, were reckless as to whether they were acting wrongly or not, and were thus guilty of wifful misconduct. The council, by not making a

had made a rate. That was sufficient to bring the loss within section 20.
Save for an alteration reducing the certified amount to £105.836 the appeals of all the Lambeth councillors would be

Liverpool
It was submitted that the councilors did not defer making a rate in order that the delay itself should act as a form of pressure. It was accepted that the council could not validly use delay in making a rate as a The reason for the delay.

was submitted, was to attempt to achieve greater certainty as to the amount of government grants the council were likely to receive. The council always intended to make a rate by June 20; they were entitled in their discretion to defer until that date, since they had valid reaons for doing so.

The major difficulty was that

that was not the case presented by the councillors in their affidavits. From the councillors' own evidence his Lordship was quite clear that their intention was to defer making a rate m

order to put pressure on the secretary of state.

They believed that that tactic had succeeded in 1984-85. They tried it again, and said to their resolutions that they were trying it again, in 1985-86. That was not a valid reason

for deferring making a rate. Even if his Lordship were to accept that the councillors' intention were to defer the rate in the hope of achieving greater certainty, they were acting ir-rationally.

The evidence did not support

more compelling argument for the auditor. The process of deciding whether, and by how much, to cut expenditure and whether, and by bow much, to increase the rate, in order 10 prepare a balanced budget and make a lawful rate, mevitably took some time.

Even a council which, like Liverpool in 1985-86, was not rate-capped might decide it did not wish to increase its rate to any large extent. It was clear that that was Liverpool council's intention, which they carried into effect by increasing the rate by 9 per cent.

The only way, then, in which rate was by reducing expenerably. As the council failed to do that, it followed that the rate

nade on June 14, 1985 was not a lawful rate.

Nobody had sought to have it declared invalid in the courts, and presumably nobody would now wish to do so, and it this remained an effective rate. But it

By failing to take any steps to make a lawful rate in time or at all, the council acted unlawfully. There was one final point. If the rate made on June 14 was lawful, exactly the same budget could have been approved, and the same rate made, before the end of March 1985. The es-umated expenditure, £265 milamount of the city treasurer's estimate in his report of November 28, 1984. Virtually every other important figure in the equation, save the rate itself, was known by mid January 1985. There was no reason for

The councillors' case, shortly, was that they believed that they were under no legal obligation to make a rate until June 20, 1985, and that they had valid reasons for not making a rate until sbortly before then. They said that hered that on their reasons they based that on their experi-ence in 1984, and no advice they the contrary.

A summary of the advice the councillors were given by their officers, and by the auditor, said that it would be unlawful not to make a rate by June 20, but neither said it would necessarily be lawful to defer rate-making until then.

If individual councillors did

If individual councillors did believe that the secretary of state might, as a result of their deferring the rate, produce any substantial amount of additional funds, they, like their Lambeth collagues, were acting irrationally.

But as a council, as n body, they put forward no reason at all, valid or not. They simply failed in their duty to make a lawful rate, and continued so to fail until after June 26. They all must have known that they did nothing until June 14, and they were warned that what they intended to do then was unlawful.

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So the councillors knew, or So the councillors knew or must at the very least have been recklessly indifferent to, the fact that by their votes they were causing the council to act unlawfully. They were also therefore guilty of wilful misconduct.

As a matter of fact, the rate rebate subsidy monthly payments, and the payment in lieu of rates on Crown property, would have been paid if the council had made a lawful rate, and were not paid because it did not. The misconduct caused the loss alleged.

loss alleged.
The appeals of the Liverpool councillors would be dismissed.

Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice Russell delivered concurring judgments.
Solicitors: Bindman and Partners; Mr Robert G. Broomfield. Lambeth: Christian Fisher & Co; Mr William Murray, Liver-

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CRICKET: TEST PITCH UNLIKELY TO BE AS FAVOURABLE TO ENGLAND

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# England hopes soar after the unthinkable is achieved

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Trinidad

in Tuesday's one-day interna-tional was all the sweeter for five, and as Gooch and Smith being so improbable and so scampered through for the last very timely. A one-man show run, a leg-bye, Harper had a it may have been, but 129 not shy at the bowler's wicket out was a tonic to the whole from a range of no more than great boost to the tour. "Gra-nam made us all proud of During the 37 ov Gower said, and he most certainly did.

when ooe of the chief joys of some assistance, however travelling around the West slight. Smith's contribution Indies with the England team was to watch the batsmen coming into their own. They would grow feathers which they never knew they had. That has changed now, not because the batsmen are no good any more (far from it) but owing to a decline in the pitches and the spread of fast bowling. On Tuesday, for the ered from his illness or not. first time on the present tour, the pitch was a really good one: it was that which made possible such a wonderfully

there have not been times pitch, he is more likely, I am during the five and a half afraid, to leave the grass on. weeks that we have been here when Gooch has rued his is told to do, will decide what decision to come. Now, all sort of match it is. Almost being well, he will feel pleased equally well he can make that he did. By mobbing something on which Marshall Gooch as he left the field on Tuesday, and so separating sport from politics in a way that it has become so difficult Io do, two hlack spectators provided the tour's most Here there is no such excuse. warmioe moment

There was a message, too, in pitched bowling to be reck-the size of the crowd, oned with. On Tuesday there Yesterday's Express, one of was virtually none of it. Trinidad's two morning pa-because of the one-day rule pers and a staunch supporter of the boycott, wrote in an editorial that from early in the day cricket-loving Trinidadians had made up their minds, after weeks of protest, after months of reading daily of the hlatant crime that is apartheid, that they prefer the joys of cricket to the politics of sport." Few can have believed England arrived in Portof Spain a week ago that oearly 20,000 people would

watch one day's play.

Not many, I think, of those ing been stolen by Gooch, who were there foresaw the West Indies defeat, incicontrolled the west internationals at been just as exciting for them was the near certainty that West Indies, not England,were going to win. After all, what side on earth, let alone one as unsuccessful as Gower's had been, could ever score 153 runs in the last 20 overs of a match against Marshall, Garner, Patterson, Walsh and Harper, supported by some of the best fielders in the game and with Richards in charge? It was unthinkable but as if by Providence, it happened. All that marred the day was the arrest outside the ground of 16 anti-apartheid protestors on what sounded rather like trumped-up charges. Their morale had been badly enough dented by the sight of all those people passing through the gates, without that.

Had the scores finished level on Tuesday, West Indies

England's last-ball victory would have won for having team, quite apart from being a 10 yards with Gooch still

During the 37 overs of England's innings Gooch had never given up hope, and from There used to be a time each of his partners he had was a lofted drive for four off Garner, a shot that will have

given him great pleasure. From Willey came two thundering boundaries to keep the scoring-rate at the required eight an over. Slack, too, played well enough to win a first Test cap tomorrow, whether Robinson is recov-Which brings me to the Test

pitch - and to what could be the bad news. Although the groundsman has shown now entertaining game. that it is well within his I should be surprised if powers to produce a very good What he does in this regard, or sort of match it is. Almost and Co are immensely formidable or relatively manageable, at any rate for Gooch. In Jamaica the square was not level enough for a good pitch.

There is also the shortwhereby a bouncer is a wide. Tomorrow it will be different, hut at least English hopes are a lot higher than they were at the start of the week. When Richards was out on Tuesday, having made 82 in 39 balls and added 117 in nine overs with young Richardson, it would have seemed hardly conceivable for anyone else to be made mao of the match. Yet, when the game was over, Richards was "unavailable for

tory uotil there was only an in one-day internationals at over or two to go. What had home. Their last eight had all been won, mostly by hugh

O L Hayres ti Foster \_\_\_\_\_\_ C A Best run out \_\_\_\_\_ 

Total (3 wkts, 37 overs) 229
H A Gomes, †T R O Payre, M O Marshal,
J Gamer, C A Welsh and 8 P Patterson did FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-106, 3-223. BOWLING: Botham 6-1-59-1; Foster 10-1-42-1; Elison 8-0-57-0; Emburey 8-2-48-0; Wiley 3-0-19-0.

G A Gooch not out

Extras (b 1, Fb 7, n-b 6) Total (5 wids, 37 overs) 230

PR Downton, J E Emburey, R M Elison and N A Foster did not bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-86, 3-143, 4-170, 5-183.

BOWLING: Gerner 9-1-62-3; Patterson 6-0-30-0; Weish 9-0-49-1; Marshall 10-1-59-0; Harper 3-0-22-0. Umpires: S Mohammed and C Cumber-

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27-2-29, 3-123; 4-167, 5-170, 6-193, 7-223, 8-282

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Galle (Reuter) — The Sri Lanka Board President's XI, replying to the Pakistanis' 285 for eight declared, made a slow start to their first innings on the second day of the three-day

match here yesterday. By the elose of play they had crawled to 52 for one off 32 overs.

Earlier, Salim Malik, leading the Pakistanis in the absence of the emilion players, bit three five senior players, hit three sixes and seven fours in an aggressive too after bestunt batting during the morning. PAKISTANIS: First Immos Rizwan-uz-Zaman c and b Ramenayake 18 Shoati Mohammad c Amalasan

b Abeysakera ...... 8 Casen Omar c Warna

HOCKEY

### Army's victory rewarded by triple honours

By Sydney Friskin

RAF. Army....

The Army's decisive victory over the RAF at Willesden yesterday enabled them to complete the Services championship with triple honours. They retained the senior rule, won the junior event and also kept the Wilkinson Sword, the symbol of supremacy for annual matches against the Royal Navy whom they had defeated 2-0 on the previous day.

The Army, for whom Gordon and Jennings were outstanding. look the lead in the twentieth minute with Jennings converting a short corner after a perfect stop by Johy. After 12 minutes of the second half. Hart put the RAF on level terms. But Jennings converted another short corner to put the Army ahead again and three more goals two hy Jennings (one from a penalty) and Jolly - completed

**REAL TENNIS/** 

Total (1 wkt) 52
R S Mahahama, H P Tillekerame, O
Wijdremasingte, 1G Wickremasingte, S
Abeysekers, S D Anurasar, C Rameneyake and k N Amalean to bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47.

RACKETS

### Oxford and Cambridge all square

By William Stephens

Oxford and Cambridge go into today's singles rubbers level in the University real tennis match, sponsored by George Wimpey, after each winning a doubles at Lord's yesterday. On Tuesday, Cambridge wor the rackets match when they defeated Oxford 4-3 in the deciding doubles at Queen's

Club.

REAL TERNIES: Lord's: George Wampey University march: Oxford 1. Cambridge 1 (Oxford names first): Doubles: J A Sems (Stonyhusts and Cueen's) and M Harper (Ounde and Trinity) for A J W Page (Lancing and Jesus) and I D Rose (Mercheston Castle and Robmeton), 6-0. 8-1, 6-5: J N Jee (Radley, BNC and Wydiffe, Hall) and P R V Marwall (Winchaster and St Catherine's) lost to W M Fambarns (Waltington and Magdalene) and O A J S (Soorge (Etch and Trinity), 3-6, 6-5, 6-2, 3-6, 2-8.

RACKETS: Queen's Club: University

6. 2-6.

RACKETS: Queen's Club: University match: Cambridge 2: Oxford 1 (Cambridge names first): Singles: AM Sputing (Tenbridge and Tranship Hall) bit CE P.M Hall (Winchester and Brasenose), 15-3, 15-5, 15-4: Farbarns lost of S G Harford (Winchester and S) John's), 16-18, 6-15, 5-15 Doubles: Sputing and Ferbarns at Hall and Harford, 15-5, 10-15, 18-7, 10-15, 17-16, 13-18, 15-8.



# Batsmen get their own back as underdogs wag their tail

underdogs win, and ou Tuesday, as England played West Indies in the one-day match at Port of Spain, there was a dramatic and anexpected victory there to be claimed by three different sets of

underdogs.

Underdogs no. 1 were, of course, England. By winning they defied their own pessimism, their own mood of depression that has been with them for days. In truth the best they had hoped for in their bearts was to finish undisgraced. That, after all, would have been a great leap

The trauma of the Test match at Sabina Park, Jamaica, cut very deep. The political troubles of the Trinidad leg — all the "racists get out" stuff — upset-them all. Indeed, I believe that many England men would hap-pily have called it a day if they could have taken the money and run home. For they were denied the solace that is asually available to England touring sides caught up in political turnoil the pleasure of playing cricket.

The cricket had been joyless

game. The last-hall win on Tuesday was the last thing anyone expected - observers, players and bookmakers to-

The second set of underdogs to trimmph in this match were batsmen. After the Test match on the Jamaican horror strip, one had begun to wonder if there was any answer at all to a hattery of four tast bowlers; at Sabina Park, there wasn't one. Some of the West Indian players have been saying consolingly to the England players that they would have struggled to score 100 had they been facing their own attack on that track.

But on a gentle, flat pitch at Port-of-Spain the bowlers were firing hlanks. Richards and Richardson — there's a double act for you — took England's attack apart. Then Gooch did the same to the West Indian pace and fire quartet. It was a day when but held sway the ball: one had forgotten that such days

There was one more underdog group that won on Tuesday -sportsmen. For once, they scored

Trinidadians' threatened boy-con of the cricket looked a semisuccess when play started, but as news got round that people were there in thousands, not hun-dreds, more and more turned up. There were 15,000 people at the 25,000 capacity ground by the

And Gooch, the main target for all the political troubles, was for all the political troubles, was man of the match, with a wooderful 129. The crowd stood and cheered him uninhibitedly when he reached his 100. They forgot partisanship and started to yell for England in pure delight at seeing the anderdogs turn and when Gooch walked men dodged the police and ran on to the pitch towards him. Policial activists? No — as a braced him. Sportsmen all three.

t had supper on Tuesday with a man from the nearby island of Nevis. He was at the cricket, "and at the end" he said, "t raised my hand and cheered for cricket." So did we all.

Simon Barnes

### stuff: playing was an ordeal. Too many people have been out of One-day plan faces a delay

By Richard Streeton and Hedges Cup should become a knock-out event from its first

hanges - and then only if the gulf narrows between those

holding the two opposing points

about the immediate delay.

though he desperately hopes for

positive action to emerge from

the TCCB's meeting in August or December. "We have put forward ideas, pointing the way ahead," he said.

"I can see that it would be wrong for them to be rushed

through. They must be tested in debate. Those unwilling to make

though, will have to take the

Mr Palmer is philosophical

Charles Palmer, the chair-man, already knows that his working party's recent report on English cricket is unlikely to be English cricket is unlikely to be accepted, in its entirety, by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at their spring meeting at Lord's today. The Board's finance committee, for instance, are still studying the implications of the controversial proposal that less one-day cricket should be played.

No other recommendation has drawn such vociferons and hostile criticism from the counof income threatened. Mr Pairoer's nine-man inquiry, with a brief to find ways of raising Test match standards, blamed the himited-overs game for modern technical faults.

To help counterbalance this,

the working party advocated a championship of eight four-day and 16 three-day games. To make rooro on the calendar for the extra days, they proposed that the John Player Special League programme should be halved by playing it in two divisions, and that the Benson

RUGBY LEAGUE

Council extend

season by

only 48 hours

By Keith Macklin

Although there is a huge backlog of championship and cup fixtures, the Rugby League council yesterday decided to extend the season by only 48

hours. This applies to first

Sunday, May I I, if necessary.
Council members had little room for manocuvre, with a tight schedule in both championship and cup. The first division season was due to end

on Sunday, April 20, and will

now end on Tuesday, April 22. The premiership first round is

planned to start the following weekend, April 26 and 27, with a

tight programme leading to the final on a fixed date and place.

May 18 BI Elland Road, Leeds.

The Silk Cut Challenge Cup

final is also immovable, with the

traditional early May date at Wembley on May 3.

Ray Mordt. Wigan's South

division fixtures, with the sec-

pects of the Palmer report are expected to be approved by today's meeting which brings a comforting reminder that the round.
All these experiments now seem certain to be referred back new cricket season is only six weeks away. A return could be by the counties, who remain unconvinced that the best pos-sible England team has 10 be the made this summer to uncovered pitches in the championship and game's main priority. With fixtures planned a year ahead, it means it could be 1988, or later, before the domestic structure the first steps taken towards coordinating coaching schemes Other items on the agenda

include registration maners. such as Alvin Kallicharran seeking to become English-qualified and the election of a Test selector to succeed Alec Bedser. He has resigned to concentrate on his role as Surrey president.
There are three candidates seeking to join Peter May (chairman). Alan Smith and Philip Sharpe on the panel. They are Fred Titmus (Middle-sex) and David Allen (Gloucestershire), both former England off spinoers, and Roy Booth, a former Worcestershire wicket-

financial sacrifices initially. Delegates will also be asked to approve a new way this year to decide rain ruloed one-day responsibility if English cricket standards continue to decline." Several less contentious as-

CYCLING

### Kelly a sprint winner From John Wilcockson, Le Rouret, Ardeche

With a typical opportunist

effort, Seao Kelly won the third stage of the Paris-Nice race yesterday to increase his overall tead in the 750-miles race to 19 seconds over Bruno Wortinek of France. The 127-mile stage followed the pattern of the previous two, with a long, solo hreak - this time by Eddy Plancksert, of Belgium preceding yet another mass sprint in which Kelly got the better of his pursuers.

through the Cevennes. Plackaert made his move on a narrow, winding descent gainingt I minutes within 30 miles before being pulled in 12 miles from the finish.

### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

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FOOTBALL (7 30 unless stated) FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Southern section: Reading v Orient.
FA TROPHY: Taind round replay: Bishops
Stordord v Challenham: Kettering v

Worthing MULTIPART LEAGUE: Horwich v MOSSINY. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon v Norwich (2.0). VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco

Cupe Uxbridge v Epsom and Ewell SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern section: Ray Mordt. Wigan's South
African winger, has had an operation for the removal of a "floating" piece of bone in his knee and will be out of the game for a month. Diary, page 25

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round Woking a Leyton Wingste. SURREY SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Cherisey Town y Leatherhead.

RUGBY UNION **TENNIS** HOSPITALS' CUP: Semi-finals: SLMary's PRINCETON (New Jersey): US women's redoor: furst round: A Moulton (US) bi A Crott (GBI 6-1, 5-2, 2) Batestrat (Aus) bi K Maleeva (But) 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, C Landowsi (Swe) bi A Hernicksson (US) 7-5, 6-1, B Potter (US) bi J Dune (GB) 7-8, 6-3, A White (US) bi E Smyle (Aus) 3-4, rel P Loue (US) bi H keles (Can) 6-7, 6-0, 7-6 CLUB MATCH: Esher v Blackheath. OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England Under-23 v Nemeriands Under-23 (Hereford)
BASKETBALL: Carlaberg netional championships: Quarter-final play-cits, second legs: Team Polycal Angelon v Brunel Ducks Ukindge and Camden: Manchester Giams v London Docktands Crystal Palace.
PACKETS: Celestion British Open (Created) FARIS: French Open: First round: G Williams (GB) bt M Ahmed (Pak) 5-9, 1-9, 10-8, 9-4, 9-0; G Brays (GB) bt U H Khan (Pak, (2-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-7, 9-9, 4, 4)

# England take gamble with choice of injured Simms

**RUGBY UNION** 

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Kevin Simms, of Cambridge University, has been named in judgement may not have been tain, D J Chicon (Bath), S E Bri perfect in every situation — of (Coventry), G S Pearce (Northampton), how many players can you ever say that? — but his tactical (Swanseal, O W Rees (Notingham), an unchanged England team to play France in Paris on Saturday say that? - but his tactical kicking was excellent and, on week, when this season's five nations championship will be decided. Simms, who pulled a other days, one of his breaks may result in a try. If only he hamstring playing against Ire-land last Saturday, has until Monday to prove his fitness. could be certain of getting the mundane chores right, the dropouts and the touch-finders. Medical opinion after the Irish game was that Simms, There may have been grum-hles over his goal-kicking in the

himself a medical student, was unlikely to be fit again by Saturday week. He is having physiotherapy on the injury all this week, however, in the hope last two games but in both matches, against Scotland and Ireland, there was an awkward wind and the point is that his ability in this respect is proven. He missed only three out of seven place-kicks last Salurday ficiently: nevertheless the selectors are taking an obvious gamble naming a player who may be forced to withdraw. Gavin Hastings's remarkable 100 per cent record against Scotland, too, have named an unchanged squad for their game against Ireland in Dublin on the England, wind or no wind. Hastings himself will be the first to admit that not every day is as infallable as that.

same day. Milne, the Harlequins tight-head prop, will have the opportunity at Sunday's squad training to indicate his recovery from an ankle injury; otherwise there was never any doubt that 27 points would go in against Ireland looking for a share at least in this season's champion-

.p. England will not have a squad England will not have a squad get-together at the weekend because several players are involved in John Player Special Cup matches on Saturday and two more. Underwood and Richards, play for Leicester against Broughton Park on Sunday. The Park asked for a Sunday game because O'Brien. Sunday game because O'Brien, their full back, is involved on Lancashire's behalf against

To that extent it does not may have to be made at centre. since the players come together next Wednesday evening and leave the following day for Paris, where they will have their main training before the game against France, (The French team is expected to be announced over he weekend.1

It is unsenling, however, for the backs and there remains the possibility that, even if Simms passes a fitness lest early next week, the injury may recur either in training or during the match. It is the sort of situation best avoided by naming a player of whose fitness the selectors can be assured, particularly since they have three alternatives in Salmon, Halliday and Palmer, all of whom have been closely involved in England's preparations this season.
The threat to Andrew's po-

against Ireland when he took the bull by the horns and played a challenging, exciting game. His

Intersion Grassoppers, in a Cutangai (Swansea). O W Rees (Notingham). In Richards (Leicaster). Replacementar J A Pulmer (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), R Hill (Bath), P A II Rendall (Wasps). A W Simpson (Sale). P Cook (Notingham). SCOTLAND (v Ireland): A O Hastings (London Scottsh): M O F Duncan (Wast of Scottard). O 1 Johnston (Watsonars). S Heatings (Watsonans). G R T Baked (Kelsoi. J Y Rutherlond (Selfork), R J Leediav (Jewart S-Mehnile FP). C T Deans (Hawck, Lapham). (G Miline (Harlequans). J Jeffrey (Kelso). A J Campbell (Harmck). 1 A M Paxton (Schult). F Calder (Stewart's Mehnile FP). J R Beatine (Glasgow Academicals). Replacements: N A Roman (Borouchmun). G J. Callander (Kelso). O S White (Galo). S G Johnston (Watsonans). O S Wyllie (Stewart's-Mehrile FP). P W Dods (Cala). • Tomorrow's Miller Buckley

championship game between

glish Universities in Edinburgh Universities have important league commitments on Saigame, already rescheduled once from February (4, will be played

### Ireland's selection makes little sense

By George Ace

the weekcod for the game against Scotland at Laosdowne

Road oo Saturday week.

The immediate reaction is that the selectors have decided that the wooden spoon is not enough and to go comprehensively for the whitewash. The logic behind the changes in the pack is not readily apparent. Orr, a mighty servant to the cause of Irish rughy sioce 1976, was omined against Wates, but is a shadow of the piayer he was a few seasons ago. Anderson will surely find it a different hall game at this level in the middle of the back row than at tock. How much more simple it would have been, once the decision was taken to drop

Spillane, to move Morrow to No. 8, 2 position he has excelled in for Lilster this season and bring io John O'Driscoll, of Londoo Irish, on the hlind-side flank. Anderson may have been a better bet at lock for Leoihan, who has only spasmodically shown his true form this term. With Philip Matthews, a yooog man who will surely

By recalling Phil Orr for his fiftieth cap, thus equalling Sandy Carmichaet's world record, and restoring Wiltie Anderson, the deposed lock, to No. 8 at the capense of Brian Spillane, Ireland make two changes to the learn which lost to England at the weekend for the same for Ireland has expect a weekend. and in his previous appearances for Ireland he has earned every one of his 26 caps. It may not be forward thicking to recalt O'Driscoll at 32, but Orr at 35 hardly fails joto that category. up the Irish pack if the scrummage remains of secondary importance in the eyes of the coach. his retention at scrum half to the inept performance of the Irish

> McCall, who sustained a broken oose at Twickenham, keeps his place in the second row,

pack, particolarly at Twick-

RELAND (v Scotland): H P MacNell (London Inshi); T M Ringland (Ballymena); B J Mullin (Dubtin University), M J Kierman (Dolphin); K D Crossen (Instonians); R P Keyes (Cork Constitution), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution); P A Dir (Old Wesley); C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, captain); D C Fitzgerald (Larisdowne); O Morrow (Bangor); B W McCell (London Inshi); D G Lemihan (Cork Constitution), N J Carr (Ards); W A Anderson (Oungannon) Replacements; J J McCey (Bangor), H T Harbison (Bactive Rangers);

# Barbarian power fuelled by Scots

By David Hands

East Midlands .. Barbarians ..

There was no comeback for East Midlands in the annual Mohbs Memorial match at Northampton yesterday. The Barbarians' line when Palmer was able to make the most of a powerful to Bll departments. Derek White, the Scottish centre. Hastings crossed for the fourth but the Fast Alidlands. flanker, enjoying a particularly profitable afternoon, and they won by two goals, five tries and a penalty goal to a solitary goal. Nevertheless the East Mid-lands players must have been gratified to have a game at all after the recent had weather, even if their distinguished oppo-nents have had their fill of representative rughy recently.
The rise in temperature left Franklin's Gardens greasy on the surface but it made little

Their initial flurry was greatly to the benefit of their Scottish representatives. There were seven of them, led by Deans, Scotland's captain and captain for the day of the Barbarans, and by half-time, when the visitors led 23-6, three of them had entered the scoring list. Among them was Hastings, who will return on Saturday when London Scottish play North-ampton in the John Player Special Cup. He may have valued the goal-kicking practice, though the crossfield wind proved awkward to negotiate and he missed six of his nice

Inevitably, possession was the problem for the East Midlands.

interoational flanked the cover for the first try. White, with Paxton's assistance, romped over but the East Midlands had particular cause to regret Devereux's try. It came after a concerted spell on the

centre. Hastings crossed for the fourth but the East Midlands made more from their second opportunity. Biddington working his way over
Johnson, running hunched forward like a hound on the scent, tried bravely to prompt a

response in the second half as the Barbarians total continued to rise. But their opponents ran in tries through Duncan. White and Palmer, the latter leaving the field with a leg injury SCDRERS: East Midsands — Try: Biddington. Conversion: Johnson, Barbariana — Tries: Duncan 12), White 12), Devereur. Hastings. Palmer. Conversions: Hastings (2), Penelty: Hastings.

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EAST MIDLANDS (Northampton unless stated): M. Ebsworth (London Weisn): J. Cubitt. O Woodrow. A Street. K. Caraving (Bedford): A Johnson (Oxford University). I. Peck. (Bedford): I. Haywood. M. Howe (Bedford), N. Fox. S. Biddington (Bedford), V. Cannon (captern). Lutter (1ep: O. Newman). White. G. Poole BAREARIANS: G. Hastings (London Scotland). M. Duncan (West of Scotland and Scotland). J. Palmer (Bath and England) (rep. R. Moon, Notengham). J. Devereux: (South Glamorgan Institute and Wales). M. Baibey (Wasps and England): O. Wylkie (Stewart S-Meivlie FP and Scotland). S. Johnston (Watsonans): P. Orr (Oxf. Wesley and Ireland). C. Deens (Hawkot and Scotland). Epidanny). L. Detaney (Llantil). O. Whita (Gala and Scotland). M. Redman (Bath and England). G. Roberts (Carditi and Wales). I. Pauton (Falluri, and Scotland). Referee; F. Howard (Luverpool).

Indiscipline betrays Swansea

By Peter Marson

Nottingham University . 9 Swansea University ..... 3 Nottingham's all-round strength prevailed against Swan-

sea, potentially the more excit-ing combination, in the semifinal round of the Universities Athletic Union championship at Stroud vesterday.

So a hard-won victory by a goal and a penalty goal to a penalty goal to a penalty goal takes Nottingham into the final: they will play Loughborough at Twickenham

next Wednesday. Indiscipline had lost Swansea

valuable ground at the start and then Hamilton stepped up and, judging a tricky wind nicely. landed a penalty goal for Not-tingham from 30 metres out and at an angle on the right.
A moment or so before the break, a Swansea sortie did find reward in the shape of three

points from a well taken penalty goal from 25 metres out by Evans. But after the interval. Swansea's effort finally gave way and Nottingham scored the only try of the match. Berry. who played excellently, gave impetus to a right-to-left movement in which Simmons and Purdy handled before Eales dived in for a captain's try of the post: Hamilton converted.

SCORERS:Nortingham: Penalty gost: Hamilton Try Eales. Conversion: Hamilton. Swansea. Penalty goal: Evans. • In the other UAU semi-final Loughborough, the holders, beat

### London have most of the answers

By Gordon Allan London Hospital.

St Thomas's Hospital .... 4

The London reached the final of the Hospitals Cup with a win over St Thomas's by a goal and a dropped goal to a try at Rich-mond yesterday. The last time The London were in the final was 1981, when they lost to St Mary's, in next Wednesday's final, they play either St Mary's. the holders, or Guy's, who meet in the other semi-final today. St Thomas's were substantially outweighted in the tight scrums by The London, and it was this factor that made the

real difference between the

ATHLETICS

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sides, despite the courageous play of Hopley, a London Irish centre, and Bayley at half back for St Thomas's. The London also won a useful amount of the ball at the lineouts through Barnes, and altogether they gave the impression of having most

The London took the lead on the half-hour with a left-footed dropped goal by Maclean. It came from a scrum in front of the posts after St Thomas's had put the ball straight into touch from a drop-out on their 22. But in the last minute of the half. St Thomas's broke out of defence. moved the ball to Palmer on the left wing, and when he was tackled and the ball ran loose,

Five minutes into the second half. Barker scored what jurned out to be the decisive try. The London heeled against the head in St Thomas's 22, Slack, the Blackheath No. 8, picked up, and Maclean put Barker over by the posts. Maclean converted.

Hopley was on hand to touch

SCCRERS: The London: Try: Barker.
Conversion: Maclean. Dropped
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Taylor, A Pernham, P Barnes, A Justice, T
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Taylor, A Pernham, P Barnes, A Justice, T Briggs, S Stack ST THOMAS'S HOSPITAL: A Hobbs: C Brookes, J MacIntyre, F Wadsworth, S Palmer, P Hopkey, G Bayley, J Kross, N Wilson, D Roberts, D Barron, P Robbins, A Saleemi, J Lucas, A Francis

BASKETBALL

### FOR THE RECORD

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BASKE TBALL

NORTH AREFICA: Namenal Association (NBAR Arianta Hawks 128, Philadelphia 76ers 121, New fork Kincks 119, Washington Bullets & Deroid Pistoris 120, New Jersey Necs 107: Boston Celuces 106: Chroage Suits 94. Denvet Nuggers 128: Houston Rockets 115, Sacraments Kings 94, Utah Jazz 92; Los Angeles Chopers 106, Claveland Cavaliers 101, Portland Trail Blazers 102, Indiana Pacars 93: Golden State Warners 129, San Amenic Spurs 128

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Iyoung 93 Meagher 22, Vaughan 10, Teams level 1-1, Occomp play-off at Stretford on level 1-1, deciding play-off at Stretford on Saturday (6.36)

ICE HOCKEY

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Dil in liter

# Shreeve left to pick up the pieces with which to build a better future

the pieces of Tottenham den Hauwe. Hotspur's season he will no Although doubt cast an envious glance 52nd goal of the season. towards Howard Kendall. Harper, who is often a memwhose Everton side can focus ber of the Goodison Park again on a possible League shadow squad, earned the d Cup double. Two second- man-of-the-match rating. half goals from Adrian Heath.
a substitute, and Gary Lineker mer Liverpool reserve's value: carried Everton over Totten-

without Gary Stevens, the England right back, and, for the most part, Kevin Ratcliffe. the club captain. After the first quarter of an hour the League leaders had to defend against a desperate and belligerent Tot- off his line once in each half as tenham side, with Kevin Tottenham tried to salvage Richardson, a reserve mid- something with a rugged. field player, filling in at right sometimes too rugged, perforback, and Alan Harper, a mance, replacement full back, playing Shree

will owe it all to a little old lady

who used to hide him in a

Aldridge's two goals in Tuesday night's Milk Cnp

semi-final first leg nt Aston Villa, not only gave Oxford

United no excellent chance of reaching Wembley for the first

time, but also impressed Jack

Charlton, the new Republic of

maternal great grandmother was Irish. He said yesterday:

lived with ns when I was a

small boy, and used to hide me

io the gas copboard if I'd been

naughty so that my dad

"I've got no chance of playing for England now, so if

Nations Cup, which begins to-

She was a lovely lady. She

reland manager.

conidn't find me.

Although Lincker scored his "If I had to replace him I ham on Tuesday and into the FA Cup quarier-final to demonstrate again their remarkable resilience in the heat of the state attle. not one player was in his The victory was achieved normal position in the back

four.
The Harpers and the Richardsons - you can ask them to come in and do any job for you. They have been brilliant for this club." Harper cleared

Shreeve has also switched

Bobby Robson (the England

manager) has only seen me once this season, and then he

was probably watching some-

Charlton was also watching

Ray Houghton, a Glaswegian

and Houghton was probably

Ironically. Aldridge owes

ton was in the team he did all

the spadework and I concen-

trated on scoring goals. Since

Billy has been injured I've

worked hard nt the rest of my

game, and I think my form is

Villa will welcome back

coming along well."

playing for England now, so if the Republic want me, I'd and Tony Dorigo after injury jump at the chance. An inter-for next week's second leg.

the best player on the park."

body in the opposition."

Case of cupboard

love for Aldridge

If John Aldridge, the Ox- national cap is not something

ford United forward who has you turn down. If you play for scored 23 goals this season. a little club, you don't get becomes an international he noticed. As far as I know.

a winning blend. Tuesday's defeat was the the club's sixth out of the last seven as home in leading competitions. Starting at White Hart Lane against the bottom-of-the-table West Bromwich on Satur-

where, he seems unable to find

day. Shreeve will spend the remainder of n desperately disappointing season con-structing a serious assault on next season's League title. "I would oppose the view that our season is over now," he said. "We must concentrate on picking up points and bringing in young players and our next phase must be to improve our position in the table."

Shreeve's continuing prob-lem is lack of goals. Mark Falco's 79th-minute effort was Tottenham's only return on

### Suspended goalkeeper called up

Frankfurt 1Reuter) — Franz Beckenhauer, the West German team manager, has selected Harald Schumacher in a 20-strong squad for next Wed-nesday's international against Brazil in Frankfurt, although Schumacher received a domes-tic four match ever a servention lest tic four-match suspension last week which will rule him out of

if he loses his appeal today.

Schumacher, a goalkeeper,
was sent off against Bayern
Munich after giving away two
penalties but he was so incensed with an Irish father, and said: "Aldridge is a great goalscorer by Beckenbauer's observation that the penalties were justified that he was reported to be considering to refuse to play in Aldridge, who was born his current success to the inLiverpool, may be eligible absence of a Northern Ireland international. Aldridge exmaternal great grandmother plained: "When Billy Hamil-Mexico.

NICNICO.
SQUAD: Immel. Schumacher. Stein;
Augenthaler, Brehme, Briegel, Buchwald,
Forster, Herget Jakob, Aligower, Magath.
Matmaeus, Rolft. Thon; Klaus Allefs,
Littbarsku, Gründel, Mill, Rummenigge.

Ritchie to move

Leeds United have agreed to sell Andy Ritchie to Portsmouth for £50,000. The forward, who moved from Brighton and Hove Albion three years ago, has been unsettled all season by the failure to agree a new pay deal.

accurate penalties. With his to the European game, He club, Fiorentina, he is only plays that football tango typitwo goals off Giacinto cal of Argentinians. He is Facchetti's record of 10 goals always hunting, ready for the by a defender in one season in kill, brilliant with one-twos." the Italian League.

taio, needs a good World Cup performance finally to justify the accolade of the world's greatest player. He wants to make up for a disappointing mires the Brazilian, Falcao, World Cup in Spain four years ago but has said he puts an Argentinian victory ahead of his personal amhitions.

Borghi could turn out to be Maradona's ideal attacking ago. The fans love his silky

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — world stage only once, but his Argentina's World Cup challenge will rest largely on the shoulders of the veteran He played opposite Borghi when the European Cup hold-argentina's coach, Carlos Pland on and the property of the property of the played opposite Borghi when the European Cup hold-argentina's coach, Carlos Pland on the property of go Maradona and the preco-cious newcomer, Claudio Juniors for the world cluh championship in Tokyo last

# Calm and

Bilardo, drafted Borghi into his team late last year, hoping. like all supporters, that he, Maradona and Ricardo Bochini would mould ioto a fear-

some attacking trio.

However, the two tests against Mexico in Los Angeles and Puehla revealed a lack of understanding between them and were also Argentina's worst matches under Bilardo. The coach said that once he had gathered his squad for an extended training period from mid-April he would have a chance to work on the Maradona-Borghi formula.

Bochini, aged 31, has 30

Juan Barbas, of Italy's Lec-

### Players at odds with new manager By Richard Eaton

BADMINTON

with for

Badminton's domests shift or gan to reach farcical proportions with the announcement of England's squad for the European championships yesterday. It lacks four of its best-known

players
Sieve Baddeley and Nick
Yates, the top two singles players whose affairs are handled by the management company Walker International, have de Walker International, have oc-cided to go their own way. Martin Dew and Norah Perry, the two leading doubles players, are omitted, just as they were from the Thomas and Uber Cups, presumably because they will not travel with the team to the finals in Inkarta — although the relevance of this to the European championships in Uppsala, Sweden, has not been

made clear.

Baddeley's and Yates's decisions are probably the more significant for the long-term prospects of the game. However, it is Dew and Perry who will continue gaining the attention with their vinuperative remarks. about the new manager. Jake Downey, who does not belp matters by sometimes playing games with words.

Perry, one of Britain's finest players, whn for 12 years has players, whn for 12 years has never been controversial, is now saying she would not play for England again and could never even consider making her talent and experience available for coaching or selection with the Badminton Association while Downey is in charge, all of which is very sad. Dew says: "It's not just me, it's a lot more people. There are others who have problems." If so, things may escalate yet further.

The first-hint that Dew may indeed be right came when the

indeed be right came when the European champion. Helen Troke, usually the inflicts of creatures, also burst into criticism. She had seemingly been promised that she would be picked in doubles and has also. med by the former coach.

Cesar Menotti, as successor to Osvaldo Ardiles.

Bochini, who played well in Argentina's tour of Europe in 1984, surprised players and spectators alike hy making himself unavailable for the gualifying rounde Rilected. Which sives my spensor less than the substitute of media exposure, which gives my spensor less than the substitute of which gives my sponsor less exposure, which can have an adverse effect on my contract."

England's chances of earning medals are probably still quite good because of the strength and depth of the squad, although coming close to matching the five golds out of a possible six achieved last time is out of the

The long-term chances of doing well must be endangered while such a one-sided war of words goes on. Downey is probably an excellent coach hut his shortcomings in public relations cootribute to the farce. What controversy, what disagreements? he says. "Unless I know what they are I can't

He and Mrs Perry are said to have agreed to be interviewed by Gerald Williams on BBC television - so we can expect that the unlaundered linen will be strung even further along the

### HOCKEY -Hurley is new manager of

### Great Britain By Joyce Whitehead

The new manager of the Great

The new manager of the Great Britain squad is Lesley Hurley, a former international captain who played for Leicestershire, the Midlands and England and represented Great Britain in 1978. She played in the world championship in Edinburgh in 1975 and captained England in Vancouver in 1979.

Great Britain arefacing difficulties over their preparations for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

Following Olympic acceptance

for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.
Following Olympic acceptance
in 1980, only one team from
each country was considered;
Great Britain were the choice.
But hockey, since the turn of
the century, has been played at
international level by England,
Scotland and Wales, and they
feel agrieved that, having re-Scotland and wates, and they feel aggrieved that, having refused to give up their identity, they cannot be included.

It is a Catch 22 situation for they are they cannot be included.

It is a Catch 22 situation for Great Britain. To qualify, they must have a track record; but opportunities are rare: England and Scotland are taking part in this summer's World Cup, and Great Britain will not feature in Catches the Catches and the Catches and the Catches and Catches are the Catches and Ca other tournaments such as the one in Australia next month. There is one tournament scheduled in Edinburgh next year and, it is to be hoped, more invitations will come in But arrangements are going ahead and after the home countries. countries tournament next month, a group of 30 players will be selected to start training.

IN BRIEF

Shooting for home
Kerry Davis, whose
soalscoring exploits have taken
her to Lazio, a leading lialism
club, returns home to join the
England women's squad for
Sunday week's UEFA Cup
qualifying match against Northem Ireland at Ewood Park,
Blackburn, Tableson To

TEAM (from): T Wissman (Folkeri), M King (Biggleswade), S Law (Southwick), J Stack (Norwich), Il Bampton (Milwell), A Cellimore (Broadcale, Marchester), G Contard (Doncasser), H Powell (Alfwall), J Shemari (Doncasser), B Sempare (Fulliam) 14 Spacey (Fulliam), K Davis (Lazio), L Carl (Norwich), J Terrier (Broadcale, Marchester).

hational Motorcycling Federa-tion, yielding to demands by grand prix racers, has said it will increase prize money for the next two seasons by about one third.



# Argentina looking to sorcerer Maradona and his apprentice

Passarella, captain of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning side, will be a tough nut to crack at the heart of the defence. He is also renowned for his strong surges into attack, deadly free kicks and

Maradona, Argentina's cap-

December. After a superb match, which Juventus won on penalties, Platini said: "Borghi is like

Picasso. His right leg can be like a hrush or a knife and he will have no problem adapting

# confident

Borghi, aged 21, who adfor the way he makes every move look simple, progressed rapidly to the top after claiming the centre forward posi-tion at Argentinos only a year

caps, but has never played in a World Cup. He could help make a Maradona-Borghi partnership work, playing deeper and launching them into attack. Duriog the qualifying games last June, the team did not function well when Maradona was out of the game, It seemed the less experienced home-based play-

visiting spectators is to steer

well clear of drugs. The one Briton currently in jail here

was indicted for possession of cocaine and is halfway

through a seven-year sentence.

Drug sentences in Mexico preclude any remission. Seven years is the minimum sentence

for possession of any kind of drug, marijuana included, irre-

While the police, and the system generally in Mexico, are felt by many foreigners

here to be pretty unsavoury, it

should be said that Mexicans

themselves have a reputation

for easy-going hospitality.

After a football match here,

irrespective of the result, sep-

porters of both teams will

often drink together. A Mexi-

Nevertheless, the English followers will come to Mexico

will probably be the least favoured team wherever it

Robson is due to visit Mexi-

good humour.

spective of quantity.

## Brazil in the same conditions Sexton's squad

qualifying rounds. Bilardo, however, overlooked Boch-

ini's personal problems and

Barbas, on the other hand, has not been called up for the

European tour next month which opens with a match against France, the European champions, in Paris on March

I want to see Sergio Batista

and Ricardo Giusti together."

Bilardo said, hioting that they

would play with Bochini in midfield, with Maradona, Borghi and the Real Madrid

forward, Jorge Valdano, up

be another revelation. A col-

league of Borghi's at Arg-

entinos. Batista plays in a

classical South American mid-

field style. An elegant, tall

player, he possesses a compo-

sure which will be invaluable

in the heat and altitude in

Mexico. He could do for

Argentina what Gerson did for

The bearded Batista could

took him back into the fold.

# RESULTS

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UEFA CUP: Quarter-final: Pirst leg: Sporting Lisbon 1. Cologne 1.

GOLA LEAGUE: Dertord 2. Enfeld 3. Bob Lord Trophy: Sami-final: Funcom 0.

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FA TROPHY: Taind round reptay: Leek 5. Wycombe 5 (set: Sore at 90 mira 4-4).

FOOTBALL: COMBINATION: Litton 1.

Bernstighem 3. Southempton 7. Brighton 2.

ZENTRAL LEAGUE: First divinion: Everson 2, Liverpool 1; Newcastle 2, Sheffield Unado 0, Second division: Oldnern 2, Port Vale 2, SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Gosport 1, Alvechurch 1, LEULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole 1, Southport

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Senegal pose main threat to big two

Cairo (AP) - Algeria and
Morocco, the two African repretournament from March 7 to 21

Algerian forward, Salah Assad, a
member of the side that beat Algerian forward, Salah Assad, a member of the side that beat West Germany 2-1 in a stunning upset during the last World Cup in Spain. But most of the other leading professionnals from both teams will be in Egypt and as a result, the tournament is upper the stunger of the stu will give their players a high degree of confidence for the skills against the rest of that continent's top teams over the next two weeks as they try to have called up most of their top capture the fifteenth African players for the tournament. which is being contested in Cairo and Alexandria. Jose Faria, the Brazilian coach of Morocco, and Rabah Saadane, his Algerian counter-Mulhouse, refused to release the and Morocco at first hand.

expected to attract a hoard of "spies" from rival World Cup nations, eager to watch Algeria Algeria are in the same group

as Brazil, Spain and Northern Ireland in Mexico: Morocco's first-round opponents are Poland, Portugal and England.
Senegal, who have not qualified for the final round of the tournament since 1968, are undoubtedly the biggest danger to Algéria and Morocco.

"The animals are coming!" screamed a headline on the

front page of n Monterrey

newspaper the day after the draw for the World Cup finals

was announced. Mexicans are

to the length of recruiting a

team of French Intelligence

Police to train its officers in, among other things, riot con-

A document from the Interi-

or Ministry notes that in

recent years "major interna-

tional sports events have been overshadowed by ... provoked acts" of violence. Pointed ref-

erence is made to last year's Brussels disaster, one reason

why the Interior Ministry has

set op a special World Cup

security committee to combat, for example, what it calls "those crowds which turn to

violence as a consequence of

ingesting inebriating drinks". But if the Mexican police

are steeling themselves for the visit of the English followers, it would be as well also for the

English - and not only the

hooligans among them — to prepare themselves for the

"If you're arrested." a diplo-

mat remarked this week, "it's no use appealing to the con-

cept of your 'rights' because here in Mexico you simply don't have any rights."

Contrary to reports circulat-

ing in the British press, once

you are actually in jail in Mexico, treatment is liable to

be good. Conditions inside many Mexican jails compare

very favourably with those in

Britain where, for example, the practice of "intimate"

female visits — prostitutes

included - is certainly not

The problem for any En-

elish offender would be in that

dark interim period between

arrest and imprisonment. The

lack of more sophisticated Spain. It seems reasonably to methods of investigation expect a similar crop among

standard practice.

Mexican police.

partner, taking over the strik- skills, but many were also ing role when Maradona is taken by surprise when he tightly marked or absorbing recently told of his strict ers were in awe of him.

some of the marking which Mormon beliefs.

Juan Barbas, of Italy's

rival managers are expected to Off the field he is a calm, ce. showed he was capable of employ to counter Maradona. Confident young man who Borghi has played on a talks about his disgust of has not entrusted his full

Supporters will fall foul of Mexican police at their peril The warnings for England



Robson does his best to restore the goodwill

means that beatings and torture are routine practice inside Mexican police stations. Even the government has admitted as much. This week, for example, a case was reported in the press of a criminal suspect tortured to death dur-ing "police interrogation". Often such brutality is ei-

ther purely gratuitous or a means used by police to rob the suspect of his money. It is a truism in Mexico that the police, far from defending the people against crime, are its main perpetrators. A case was reported in The Times last year of a London University profes-sor beaten up and robbed in broad daylight hy four cardcarrying policemen.
All visiting supporters — of
every nationality — face difficulties, but it is those who

commit violent acts who are most likely to come np against the blunt edge of Mexican justice. The British Embassy here, for which the World Cup has become "top priority", is un-derstandably alarmed. Given that 177 Britons were arrested during the World Cup finals in

Spain, it seems reasonably to

the 10,000 followers expected to make the trek to Mexico.
"On past form we must expect, unfortunately, that there will be troublemakers," Derek Milton, a senior diplomat, The British Embassy is

having what they call "consular reinforcements" especially flown in for the World Cup. Already a "working group" has been set up to forge plans for any disastrous eventualities and to try to establish contacts with the Mexican police authorities. The fact is, although the Embassy would not admit it, that knowing the right people - or having lots of money - is the best way to avoid serious legal difficulties in Mexico.

No doubt serious headaches await the British Consulate workers, none of whom would rule out the possibility that jail visiting will feature among their heavier duties once the World Cup is over.

One of the drawbacks of the Mexican legal system is that once a person is charged, that person, innocent or not, cao be kept behind bars awaiting trial for anything up to 12 menths. One piece of advice itish

co again early next month, when he will try to compensate for his (no doubt) innocent for his (no doubt) unnocent gaffe last time around. Prejudice against the English here is not deep-rooted, fingoistic aggression being directed generally against the neighbouring Americans. Should Robson improve his public relations. relations performance, the feeling here is that any budding anti-English sentiment could be easily suppressed. In

this country, where gestures are so important, a little goodwill when the time comes could even pursuade the po-lice, as the British Consul here gently put it, not to "over-react to high spirits".

depleted

Dave Sexton has lost eight members of his 18-strong England party which was announced on Monday for the European Championship under-21 quarier-final in Denmark next Wednesday.

Danny Wallace (Southampton). Wayne Fereday (Queen's Park Rangers). Dean Coney IFulham). David Seaman and Paul Parker (both Birmingham City) and Mark Walters, Steve

City) and Mark Walters, Steve Hodge and Paul Elliott (all Aston Villa) were withdrawn because of club commitments. Sunderland have completed the signing of Steve Herzke, Blackpool's captain and centre half. They will pay £30,000 and a further £10,000 when he has played 15 first-team games.

# TUESDAY'S

can will generally take an insult against his team with FA CLIP: Ferrir resmit: Totalenham Hotspur 1, Eventon 2.

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SECOND DIVISION: Bradford City 1, Oddham Attrietic 0; Hull City 4, Shrawabury Town 3, Middlestrough 3, Grimsby Town 1. Postpoted: Futhern v Cheriton Advisor. THRD DIVISION: Botton Wanderers 1, York City 1; Bournemouth 2, Lincoln City: Bristol City 3, Newport County 1; Chester-field 3, Reading 4; Doncasser Rovers 0, Blackpool 6; Gülngham 1, Plymouth Angvia 1; Notts County 0, Bristol Rovers 0, Postpooled: Brendord v Darlington ; Cardiff City v Romentaru United ; Walsalf v Wogan Athleto. at something of a disadvan-tage. "Thanks to the boorish behaviour and thoughtless remarks of the English soccer community," a sports columnist wrote this week, "England has thoroughly alienated the soccer afficionados here and Wigan Athletic.

POURTH BIVISION: Crawe Alexandra 4, Scumtorpe United 0; Exeter City 0, Swindon Town 3; Mansheld Town 0, Swindon Town 3; Mansheld Town 0, Chester City 0; Wresthem 1, Northampton Town 9. Postporset Aldershot V Horsford United; Colchester United v Surnley; Rochidate v Orient.

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BOXING: THE BATTLE TO CASH IN AS BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT HITS THE JACKPOT

# Bruno becomes ace in pack for Las Vegas discussions with King

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspon

The noises at Frank Bruno's world middleweight title bout. Royal Oak gym in Canning Town were different: no rope upon wood or leather on leather, but the chirrup of cameras and pecking with questions by soft-bellied journalists at the big man's face. Questions, questions, ques-

"Yes, I want to get a helicopter when I am rich. You want an exclusive? Another exclusive? All right, I'll give you another exclusive. Everywhere the large hlack eyes of television lenses. It was a wonderful morning after the night before when Bruno had demolished Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, in one round at Wembley to become the no. I World Boxing Association challenger. Coetzee's ring days were over he would soon announce his retirement, but things could only get better

and better for Bruno.
There were decisions to make but his backers would see to that. It was the type of feeling one gets when leaving on a well-carned holiday. Bruno and his manager, Terry Lawless, had been rung up by Mickey Duff, their promoter, from America the night before while they were having a celebration dinner and asked to fly immediately to Las egas to be present at the Marvin Hagler-John Mugabi

Everybody who is anybody would be there. The British contender would be a valuable card in Duff's hand in his talks with Don King, the big American promoter, who also manages the WBA champion, Tim Witherspoon

Bruno could look forward to a £5 million date with Witherspoon at Wembley Stadium in June, but it is almost certain that in setting up this contest, King would insist that if Bruno woo he would have to be part of a tournament organized by King and Home Box Office, the television company, to find the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. That, in fact, would mean that the WBA title would represent only onethird of the crown unifying the WBA, the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation crowns.

The tournament starts on March 22 in America when Trevor Berbick meets Pinklon Thomas, the WBC champion; oo April 19, Larry Holmes meets Michael Spinks, the IBF champion; and on June 14 at Wembley it could be Bruno v Witherspoon. Thereafter there will be fight-offs between champions. It is not certain yet how the world bodies will react to being taken along by the American entrepreneur;

but it is believed the scheme is 100 big for them to resist. The idea might not suit Bruno's backers as King obviously would be dictating

terms. The British promoters, Duff and Mike Barrett, naturally want to cash in on the success of their show on Tuesday when they had a full house for the first time in a long while. Everyone was so elated with Bruno's knock-out punch that the promoters feel they could get 75,000 at Wembley in June. That would allow them to make a big enough offer to King, to enable him to let the British promoters run that part of the tournament of champions.

lighted with Bruno's performance. "I have always said he is the best in the world," be said. "And he'll beat anyooe." Of course, no one except Coetzee knew how much he had to give, though Duff, who made the match, must have had a shrewd idea that there was very little left in the South

Lawiess was absolutely de-

African. Coetzee came into the ring at 16st 9lb, six pounds heavier than Bruno, which means he must have been around 17st not so long ago. On entering the ring he pulled the blue and orange national colours of his trunks over his stomach. He looked too soft and smooth



Coetzee: bloodied and bewildered (photograph: Ian Stewart)

had not even bothered to have a hair trim as a soldier might before going into battle.
Once the bell went, and

confronted by the heavily muscled figure of Bruno, the former world champion shrank in statue by the second and there seemed no heart in fight. In that abrasive Wembley roar Coetzee's jabs sounded like matches failing

and too well sun-tanned. He by Bruno's right the first time. The referee. Guy Jutras, of he dropped to the floor and sat there with a look on his face of a man who had forgotten what

it felt like being hit. But all credit to Bruno for executing his part of the bargain with calculated effi-ciency. After Coetzee had picked himself up and been given a count of eight and told to box on, Bruno hit bim with an even barder right which to light. When he was caught sent him through the ropes.

Canada, could have counted him out hut stopped the bout. It might have been better if the contest had gone further.

Not that there would have been any other outcome, but it would have showed us how much of Coetzee there actualwas under the flah. This would have been useful in assessing Bruno's achieve-ment for when he meets Witherspoon.

# Why Doral club have dispensed with Ballesteros

**GOLF** 

From John Ballantine, Miami

annual tournament here at his own club, the Doral Country Club, and last year he failed to qualify in the Doral-Eastern

It is not his regularly poor performances, however, that have caused the club to decide against renewing his contract as their louring professional when il runs oul at the end of the year so much as the fact that the Spaniard, who has been banned from all but a handful of events, will be seen too little in the United States to make his attachment to Doral worth-

while.
"What's in it for me?" is a commonly heard expression in commercial circles here and Ballesteros's misfortune is just another example of financial pragmatism. Apparently he has decided to defend his title in New Orleans in a fortnight's time and it is going to be very interesting to see what the unforgiving side of the Spaniard's nature will produce both there and at the Masters three weeks

Meanwhile, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ken Brown are in the strong draw for the Doral Open which has an increased purse of \$500,000 and which begins here today on the 7,065yard blue course nicknamed "The Blue Monster" because of the many lakes which reflect the perpetual azure skies.

Jack Nicklaus, who was a winner here in 1972 and 1975, will fly down by helicopter each day from his home in North

Severiano Ballesteros, like was the entry of Tom Watson any prophet in his own country. who has not only never won never did much good in the here hut, uncharacteristically. here hut uncharacteristically, has not won anywhere for 18

> Watson was reminded with Yankee hrashness by somebody yesterday of Arnold Palmer's recent remark: "While I believe Tom Watson remains one of the finest golfers in the world, he seems to have lost momentum

recover Watson produced his best Huckleberry Finn smile.
"Something is going to happen soon. My form has been affected by having a family and trying to learn to deal with being a parent, he said, referring to his daughter. Meg. aged six, and his son. Mike, three.

"I wasn'ı very well organized last year because I wanted to spend more time with them and so I didn't practice as much as I used 10, or probably needed 10.

"But Meg goes to school now and with my wife, Linda, usu-ally at home I do have more time for my golf, h's just taking a while to get myself organized. hopefully back to where I was." The last time Watson played here was in 1978 when he

There was an exciting and unusual finish last year when Mark McCumber, the eventual winner, drove so far 10 the right to miss the last big lake which collects hooks that he "lost" his ball. A steward pointed it out in a iree, but, with the five minute searching time almost up. the ball was discovered in the rough and McCumber played on 10 Farm, Beach and a late surprise beat Tom Kite by one stroke.

The French correction benefits Britain

# Bamford applies a | Massarella little psychology

DIARY

Keith Macklin

Last season Great Britain thrashed France 50-4 at Headingley. Last Saturday at Wigan, the scoreline was 24-10 in Great Britain's favour, but the British coach, Maurice Bamford, regards Saturday's result as infinitely more satisfying and

In the space of 12 months France have developed from an undisciplined squad of individ-uals, whose heads have dropped nats, whose heads have dropped at the first sign of trouble away from home, into a well-drilled, disciplined team who are a match for any of the Rugby-League international sides.

The new French coach, Tas Baitieri, who was born in Australia but has settled in France, has got to grips with the

France, has got to grips with the players and their temperaments at both senior and under-21 Trophy international at Aviguon, France were unlacky to get no more than a 10-10 draw against a scrappy Great Britain. That is why Bamford was delighted by the 24-10 victory at Central Park. "If we are to do anything at all against Australia in the automa we need to be extended, and the French cer-tainly did that to us in our two matches. Easy victories against poor French sides are no good as preparation for matches against

the Australians "Baitieri and his players did us a big favour by playing it hard RUGBY LEAGUE

and producing some excellent attacking moves. They stretched us in attack and defence, and highlighted any weaknesses."
Bamford's big problem now is

Ramford's big problem now is to keep the momentum going until October. There will be frequent squad training and weekend schools, He and the management team of Les Bettinson, the manager, and Phil Larder, the coach, will continue to monitor the progress of players both inside and service the representations. outside the current squad.

Last Saturday's internation showed that there would be severe competition for places in

taking over from injured experi-enced players.

Bamford also has a trump considering employing the services of a psychologist or psy-cho-analyst during part of the preparation for the autumn visit of the Kangaroos.

Bamford feels that the players can benefit from squad togetherness supervised by a psycho-analyst, with intro-spective players having their personalities brought our and chart-temporal players and **EQUESTRIANISM** 

### returns to the fold By Jenny MacArthur

Louis Massarelia, who was absent from last year's National Light Horse Breeding Society's (HIS) Thoroughbred Stallion Show after a disagreement with the HIS, has returned to the fold and today exhibits no fewer than eight stallions in the annual show at Park Paddocks, New-Massarella, who won the

overall championship with Bar-ley Hill in 1984, numbers Bohemond, Cornishman, Turn Back The Time and Big Con-naught among his entries this his bopes for the overall championship this year in which, now that Max Abram's Current Magic will not be shown again, his main rival is likely to be last year's champion stallion. Tim Le Grice's Shaab, a 16.3hh bay by Busted.

Martin Sanders's Prince of Peace, a six-year-old by Busted out of Micl, is one of the most out of which is one of the inost interesting of the 12 entries in this year's Audi Sport Young Stallion Championship for stal-lions which have not been out of training for more than two years and which have not stood at short-tempered players en-couraged to acquire restraint. and which have not stood at stud for more than one year.

ROWING

# An exciting year is undermined

British rowing is looking forward to an exciting year. The calendar includes a five-day Henley Regatta; the Common-wealth Games Regatta, which takes place in Strathclyde (an excellent course); and the world championships which will, for the second time, be held in Nottingham. It is a time for opu mism.

The recent appointment of Miss Penelope Chuter as director of international rowing by the Amateur Rowing Associ-ation (ARA) has not bowever, been well received by some year. Big Connaught, winner of last year's Audi Cars Young Stallion Championship when owned by Mrs Watkins, carries owned by Mrs Watkins, carries tions from a number of Western tion or two from the East.

Miss Chuter stoically sat through an embarrassing dis-cussion at the ARA council meeting on Tuesday and I have the distinct impression that not everyone is pulling together in the sport.

The ARA has still to find a main sponsor for the world championships despite the fact that the BBC will transmit the semi-finals and finals on August
22 to 24. A sponsor will,
however, provide press facilities
worth £30,000: this will be

cap Hurdle as the maximum weight concession he has to make to any of his nine opponents is 161b.

his only hunter chase three seasons ago, should be up to conceding 5lb to Ballymullish in the St Aiden's Hunters' Chase as Ballymullish jumped erratically when fifth to Attitude Adjuster at Thurles recently.

The maiden flat race on this

programme is open to claiming professionals as well as amateur

riders. One such professional. Kevin Barry Walsh, has been

making a name for himself in

recent months and he rides the

probable winner, Spring Pan-per, who finished third to All The Fools at Nass.

Lucky Baloo did well on the

Flat last year and could offer strong opposition to the more experienced Lucille Ludy in the first division of the Wexford

Maiden Hurdle, which is con

sition to the Paddy Mullins-trained Dancing Shoon in the second division and here I side

with Camden Belle who looked

on the upgrade when finishing

There will be plenty of oppo-

fined to marcs.

at Thurles recently.

Carnival's Over, the winner of

officially announced on March 29 which, according to my diary, is Boar Race day - thus age for the patron.

When the naturalized Czechoslavak, Bohumil Jan-ousek, was nauonal coach, competition for places in the British squad was intense: that is how it should be. The latest policy statement on the selection of the Bridsh team for the Commonwealth Games and the world championships creates a rather different elimate, reminding oarsmen that if they compete for a club other than their registered club and the ARA squad na-tional crews they will be automatically deregistered.

Some things, of course, have improved. Sixteen years ago there was discussion in high circles on the length of hair displayed by Thames Trades-men's British coxless four.

This year, Briush rowing will be marked by the issue of an official stamp by the Post Office. Spring beckons. The Boat Race takes place on March 29 and, or the preceding weckend, the heart of British rowing will be at the Tideway, in the Head of the River race, and at Henley where the university women's race will

### **SQUASH RACKETS**

### **Tentacles** clipped at great cost

By Colin McQuillan

Cannons, the fashionable London club independently financing a hand-picked pro-fessional squad in the American Express Premier League, have failed by the narrowest margin, and at considerable cost, to halt the march of Ardleigh Hall towards the league champion-

A painstaking 82-minute recovery by Ahmed Safwat, who was two games and a match point down to Paul Symonds at second string, was the vital factor in favour of Ardleigh Hall, the Essex club that might be seen as a mere country cousin of the Jack Chia international hotel and lelsure group.

Much publicity was generated around the decision of Cannons to spend more than £1,000, on top of their existing £20,000 league budget, flying Hickox and Lee back from the French maintain their late league chal-

AMERICAN EXPREAR PREMIER LEAGUE: Cannons Club 2. Ardiesph Heil 3; Dunings Mill 3. Armley 2: Edgbaston Prory 3. Manchester Northern 2: Squash Leicester 5. Notingham 0. League positions: 1. Ardiejih Heil, 78pts. Chapel Alerton, 65; 3. Cannons. 63; 4. Squash Leicester 60; 5. Edgbaston Prory, 58; 6. Manchester Northern, 57; 7. Nottingham.

### Fish that has boffins on hook

# Sea trout mystery is fathomless

Scientists are still puzzled by the sea trout, It is not surprising. The sea trout was once described as a fish without a home whose ways were mysterious to man. They still are. A collection of 36 distinguished scientists — biologists, zoologists, ichthyologists from institutes and universities from all parts of the British Isles spent three days analysing and discussing sea trout at a seminar organized by the Welsh Water Authority for the Atlantic Salmon Trust.
David Le Cren, until recently

director of the Freshwater Bio-logical Association, said that one of the first questions the scientists asked, and one that recurred throughout the disons, was: what are sea to the same species as the hrown trout, Salmo trutta, but their behaviour is very different.

In some rivers the female sea trout goes down to the sea while the male remains in the river. Does he remain a sea trout or is he a brown trout that will fertilize the female sea trout on her way back to the spawning grounds? And now scientists have discovered genetic dif-ferences. Going back to the ice age, there appear to he two types of sea trout.

Anglers themselves are not infrequently puzzled by catching

3-1 Quickdeal, 7-2 Lady Mearlane, 9-2 Shahreza, 6-1 Dozan, 6-1 Glen Miel , Royal Sam, 12-1 others.

Romerhot, 4-1 Joby Manner, 6-1 Glory Hunter & Homepath, 6-1 Clever Fox, ogan, 10-1 Hurricane Anne, 14-1 others.

Wexford selections

2.30 Lucille Lady. 3.0 Camden Belle. 3.30 Carnival's Over. 4.0 Lady Mearlane. 4.30 Romerhof. 5.0 Ross Fandango. 5.30 Spring

5-2 Dermara, 7-2 Knockerra, 5-1 Ross Fandango & Paolo Primo, 7-1 Shack Street, 6-1 Wildwood, 10-1 Equanaid, 12-1 Levarna Lady, 16-1 others.

5.30 ROSSLARE PRO/AM 5YO FLAT RACE (£828:2m) (18)

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5.0 SPRING LTD USD HANDICAP HURDLE (£828:2m) (10)

4.30 CLOUGHBAWN HANDICAP HURDLE (£828:2m) (18)



a sea troot which has all the markings of a brown trout and yet is certainly coming back from the sea. I saw one only last year, a fish of just under four pounds, taken from the Newport River in co Mayo. It had perfect brown trout markings.

One surprise in the 40-page report of the seminary is the

report of the seminar is the suggestion that commercial netting of the sea trout could be extended further into the present close season. Writing about the coastal netting of sea trout off the Northumbrian coast, estimated to take about 55 lons of them a year, the report says that as a great part of the migration takes place after the legal netting ends on August 31, an extension of the season into the autumn would increase the yield. though there might be an vo-desirable exploitation of the salmon. By golly, I bet there would be!

The report, The Biology of the Sea Trout, can be obtained, price £1.50, from the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perth-shire, PH 16 5JQ.

R A Fahey (7)

... A Powell C O Dwyer

..... S Doyle

. Mr P J Vaughan (7)

... Mr M Bows (7)

Mr J A Berry (7)

RACING: HUNGARY HUR MISSES CHELTENHAM AFTER TRAINING SETBACK

### Storey in form for **Festival**

Wilf Storey, who will have his first Chehenham runner next week when he saddles Santopadre for the Triumph Hurdle, showed that his Consett string are in fine fettle by sending our Star's Delight to win the first division of the Hornby Novices' Hurdle at Catterick

Star's Delight was pushed into the lead approaching the last by David Telfer, the conditional jockey, and went on to beat the favourite, Aguada Beach, by 11/2 lengths. A bargain buy at 560 guineas, Star's Delight was pay-Santopadre who beat him by 111/2 lengths at Newcastle in

Storey, who has been working his horses on the beach during the freeze, was understandably delighted to win the first race in mainland Britain for a month but not all the trainers at Cauerick were convinced the course was fit for racing.
Jimmy FitzGerald walked the

course before the meeting and decided to take out his six totended runners. The course still has patches of frost in the shaded areas and I have decided to pull my horses out. It would have been nice to see how they shaped, but it is not worth risking them in the conditions," Fitzeerald said.

Matelot landed his third win from seven outings when capturing the Rudby Selling Hurdle by two lengths from Empire Sands. The winner, who was always moving smoothly. led at the last to provide Mick Naughton with his seventh winter of the season from his team

Naughton now intends to run the four-year-old in n handicap at Hexham on Saturday week Allten Glazed, Naughton's inended runner in Tuesday's Arkle Challenge Trophy, was pulled out of the Newby

Novices' Chase-Canute Express, one of the most promising young hurdlers in ireland, travels to Chepstow on Saturday for the £12,000 Racing Post Hurdie. Homer Scott's five-, car-old, a winner at Leopardstown last month, will to partnered by the amateur.

# Punchestown fences should test Dawn Run and O'Neill

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin The banker is Ross Fandango, a very useful juvenile hurdler well treated in the Spring Handi-

three seasons ago but one who has since proved hard to train.

He showed clear evidence of a

return to his best at Down Royal

last month when he finished a creditable fourth to Herbert

t tib, Ross Fandango still looks

United.

Dawn Run's final trial for next Thursday's Cheltenham Gold Cup will take place on Punchestown racecourse early this morning. Her trainer, Paddy Mullins, confirmed that John O'Neill would ride the more over the testing

O'Neill has yet to partner
Dawn Run in a steeplechase but
he rode the mare two years ago
when she won the Champion
of Kesslin and, even with 1 tst Hurdie. Dawn Run has ple her trainer in recent weeks as he has kept her well on the move through the big freeze.
However, Mullins had less happy news of another would-be nham challenger, Hun-

gary Hur. After meeting with a training setback. Hungary Hur will now miss the Sun Alliance Chase, for which he would surely have been one of the market leaders. All Irish courses appear to have recovered from the freeze and be fit for racing. They can expect large fields from now on as racing-starved trainers try to make up for lost time. Today's meeting is at Wexford but

the Turf Club.

unfortunately this course has a very low safety limit. As the maximum number of runners in

any race is 15, more than 40

fourth in a large field to Kiora in horses had to be ballotted out by **Results from Catterick Bridge** 

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O'Neill: yet to ride Dawn Run in a steeplechase

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El Mansour out El Mansour, a 20-1 chance, was one of several fancied

horses withdrawn at yesterday's second acceptance stage for the William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster on March 22. Bill Watts, who trains the seven-year-old gelding, said that he could not get him ready in time. The sponsors' revised betting is: 8-1 Well Rigged, 14-1 Rana Pratap and Virgin Isle, 20-1 Rasen tomorrow. There remains a slight doubt

4.0 RATHNURE U S D HANDICAP CHASE (£828:3m) (13)

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Advance, Go Banana's, Try To Stor, Me and Christian Schad, 25-1 bar.

at Catterick yesterday, the thaw arrived too late to save today's meetings at Stratford and Wincanton, However, there are no problems reported for the meetings at Wexford in Ireland today or at Carlisle and Market

Blank day despite the thaw Although racing returned to Britain after a month's absence of the course, said: "The course

has thawed out quite considerably over the last couple of days but there is still frost in places. We have a reasonable

chance of going ahead. The thaw failed to work quickly enough to save today's meetings at Stratford and Wincanton. There was still frost in the ground when the stewards about tomorrrow's other meeting at Sandown, Park where an inspection will be held at 4.0 inspected the courses yesterde:

Lincoln acceptors

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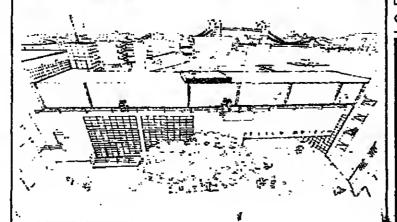
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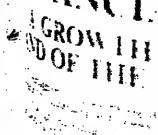
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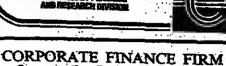
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BURNETT - Margaret Dury Graham, of Edgehill Farm, Byworth: peacehilly at St. Richard's Hospital, Chiches-ter, on 3rd March, Funeral at St. Bartholomews. Egdean, near Petworth, at 230 pm. on Wednesday 12th March.

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FARNCOWIBE - on March 1st peacefully at home, the Reverend Basil Farncombe aged 64 years, dearly loved husband of Jennie and loving father of Jane. Susam and Richard Cremation privale. Thanksgivng service at St James' Church, Colwall on Thursday March 13th at 2 p.m.

FLETCHER John Douglas Frederick peacefully at Uni-versity College Hospital on February 28in. after a brave two year struggle against Cancer. Memorial Service to be arranged later. FRASER - Dora Lindsay, aged

FRASER - Dora Lindsay, aged 80. pearefully at \$1. Christopher's Hospice. on 3rd March. Daughter of the late James and Maryarel Fraser of Birkenhead, dear sumi of Jean, Marry and Peter, and greatly loved great-aunt. Formerly Deputy Headmistress of Mary Datchelor and Headmistress of King's Warren. Plumstesd. Thanksgiving service 2.50 on Friday 7th March after cremation has taken place at All Saints Church. Blackheath, following a private cremation. Church, Blackheam, foliaw-ing a private cremation. Donations to St Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Road SE26. Any enquiries to Rowland Brothers. 01-684 1667/2324.

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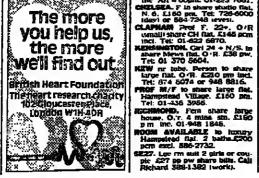
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THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 6 1986

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TV-AM BBC 1 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood, Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report; and Richard Smith's phone in medical advice. 10.50 Ceetay

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9.20 Coefax 10.30 Play School. 12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart, Includes news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Michael Fish. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Pe

Seabrook returns to the Stoke Garden Festival to see how work is see now work is progressing for the opening in the apring; and Jill Crawshaw, continuing her series on holidays in Britain, samples the delights of the Scottish Border country. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. (r) 2.00 Ceefax 3.52 Regional news.

computers 11.20 innuing and collecting things 11.37 How we Used to Live: the Car's Whisker.

12.00 The Gliddy Game Show.
Gus, Gorilla and Gliddy have a musical day. 12.10 Puddle Lane. 12.30 The Salfirane news. 3.55 T.T.V. Tea-time television for the young 4.10 SuperTed does battle once again with the avil Texas Pete (r) 4.15 Jacksney, Joanna Moriro with part four of Enid Blyton's The Circus of Adventure 4.30 Ulysses 31. Cartoon space chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance 3.00 Gens. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Gildry Gense Show. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.10 Bill the Minder. Cartoon series 4.15 Ragdolly Anns. Adventures of a walking, talking doll. With Pat Coombs 4.30 Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy presents another in his nature conservation series 4.45 Dodger, Bonzo and the Rest. Drama serial set in a children's home.

adventures Newsround with Roger Finn 5.05 Blue Peter. Simon Groom reports on the progress of Goldie's four and a half weeks old puppies and asks viewers if they can suggest names for the eight-strong litter.

(Ceefax)
5.35 Celebrity First Class. Threa Grange Hill pupils, Zammo, Fay and Gonch, challenge the winners of the First Class inter-school video quiz, Paisley

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Wear 7.00 Top of the Pons.

presented by Gary Davies and Dixie Peach. EastEnders. Dot receives a surprise visitor and also disappointment. Meanwhila, detective Sergeant Quick makes an

unexpected discovery. (Ceetax) Tomorrow's World. The spotlight falls on the five winners of the Pollution Abatement Technology Award, and on the Giotto Probe to Halley's Comet, due to rendezvous in a

veek's time. 8.30 A Question of Sport. This week the team captains, Bill Beaumont and Emlyn Hughes, are joined by celebrities who are appearing by popular request - George Best, Steve Smith, Lynn Davies,

and Barry Sheene (Ceefax)
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys.

Weather. 9.30 | Woke Up One Morning. The first of a new series of the comedy drama about are trying to kick the habit. Starring Michael Angelis, Peter Catfey, Robert Gillespie and Frederick

Jaeger. 10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's panel consists of Sir John Harvay-Jones, Brenda Dean, John Cunningham, and Sir Geoffrey Howe. 11.00 Can You Avoid Cancer?

The second of five programmes on how to reduce the risks of suffering from the killer disease. Presented by Dr Michael O'Donnell. (r) 11.25 Lata Night in Concert. Tom Petry recorded at the Wiltern Theatra, Los

11.55 Weather.

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Exercises at 6.20; news with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.20, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Jeni Barnett'a postbag at 8.34; raunions at 6.45; Michael Jopling on the Government's response to the public's growing concern over food additives at 9.12

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: the nature and qualities of leather 9.42 Learning to read with 8/8 Cddie 9.54 How we

move and how we move objects 10.11 The story of Claudius, a boy in ancient Rome 10.28 The power of

authority and the media 11.03 The role of computers 11.20 Finding

Surrens.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Falcon Crest: Jane

Cheshira Soup.
2.30 Daytime, Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion

home. 5.15 Thames Sport includes a

5.45 News with Michael Nicholson 6.00 Thames

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with

news of the Strathcona Theatre Company of

mentally-handicapped adults.

his farewell do and Valerie

Pollard drops a hint to

6.35 Crossroads, Paul throws

7.00 Emmerdale Farm: Why is

7.00 Emmerciale Parim. Why seth
Armos so keen to ply Seth
Armstrong with free drink?
7.30 Knight Rider, Michael is
threatened by Marco Berio
because he thinks that
Michael has had more

he deserves. 8.30 Farrington of the FO. Comedy series starring

recognition for the original development of KITT than

Angela Thome as the United Kingdom's

family photographic album, newly-wed Mary discovers a picture of her

husband as a happy-

oil pumps £20 billion into

Armstrong, Weather, followed by Thames news

policeman has to cope with the discovery of a dead body in the boot of a Rolls Royce; and a wife who kills her husband and

abandons her childre

9.30 TV Eye: Where's the Oil Money Gone? North Sea

the economy. What happens to it?

10.00 News at Ten with Alasteir

Burnet and Pamela

headlines. 10.30 Kojak. The New York

12.20 Night Thoughts from Jenny Carpenter

republic.
9.00 in Loving Memory.
Flicking through an old.

profile of sprinter Linford Christie

Wyman stars in this drama serial set among the Californian vinyard-owning folk 2.25 home Cookery Club. The recipe for

Sally Burton: 40 Minutes, on BBC 2, 9.30pm

BBC 2

mathematical investigations - getting the facts 9.58 A kite becomes stuck in a tree 10.15 Science: cleaning (b) 10.38

underwater 11.00 History: the beginning of the Industrial Revolution 11.22

Course options for the over-13s 11.45 is the role of the state to ensure a fairer distribution of wealth? 12.05 Italian

conversation course for beginners 12.30 Basic German for tourists 12.45 David Bellamy investigates tarvests and hay days (Ceefax) 1.20 Italian

programmes about visual awareness 2.00 For four-and five-year olds 2.15 Music: Tchalkovsky's The Sleeping Beauty 2.40

History: Arkwright and the first factories.

investigate how accurately young people are

young people are portrayed by the media. Star Trek. Dr Spock, uncharacteristically, is smitten by a beautiful woman who transplants

his brain with one programmed to run a

computerized civilisation

Discovering Birds. Part one of a series extolling

the delights of birdwatching. Presented

browatching. Presented by Tony Soper. (r) Best of Best of Brass. This first of a new series features the Destord Colliery Dowty Band, conducted by Howard Snell. The guest soloists are Don Luster.

(trombone) and Wendy

Picton (euphonium). Wild Flower, Michael

Jordan in praise of the

introduces three films revealing how visionaries and others dealt with the outsider, as they tried to

perfect a society, a state and a national image, at the turn of the 19th

9.00 Karen Kay. A new series .

featuring the comedy impressionist and

singer (see Choice) 9.30 40 Minutes: The Real Life

widow, meets four of

(Ceefax) 10.10 Pot Black 86. The last first

David Icke

10.35 Newsnight 11.20 Weather.

11.25 Open University: Weekend Outlook 11.30 Special Education - A

of a Hollywood Wife, Sally Burton, actor Richard's

Hollywood's leading non-

acting ladies. - Angela Rich, Wendy Goldberg, Marianne Rogers, and Lili Fini Zanuck. (see Choice)

round match features the current world champion,

Dennis Taylor, and the young Liverpudlian, John Parrott. Presented by

dependent Future. Ends at 12.00.

orchid (Ceefax) 8.05 Timewatch, Peter France.

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5.25 News summary with sublities. Weather. 5.30 Red Herrings. Dawn King and Debbion Currie

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6.55 Open University: Social Sciences - Shirts and Coal. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 Cectax. 9.36 Daytime on Two:

Creatures that liv

THE REAL LIFE OF A
HOLLYWOOD WIFE (BBC 2,
9.30pm) is a useful corrective
to Jackie Collins's account of sexual couplings in the movie colony. So highly moral is it that it does not even mention those Hollywood spouses who go from bed to bed.in fact, the only mention of bed in this 40 Minutes documentary is made by Jerry Lewis's ex-wife who was so devoted to him that, at his behest, she would slide out of the sheets in the wee small hours to make him one of his favourite cheese and tomato degree of matrimonial loyalty, it is scarcely surprising that tha former Hollywood wives who have formed themselves into a group should have elected to call themselves LADIES (Life after Divorce is Eventually

CHANNEL 4

(1946) starring Stawart Granger as Paganini, in a fictionalised biography of the calebrated Italian

Wonnist, wan tenuor
Menuhin playing the violin
foranger. Phyllis
Calvert, Jean Kent and
Dennis Price co star.
Directed by Bernard

Knowles. Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams

and mental arithmetic gane is challenged by Debbie Kingshott of Worthing, Richard Whiteley is tha

by Gyles Brandreth.

5.00 Film: Dance Half\* (1950)

quastionmaster, assisted

the adjudicator's chair

staring Natasha Parry, Jane Hytton, Diana Dors and Petula Clark as four factory girls whose highlight of the week is a

visit to the tocal palais de dance. Their hopes of

romance have mixed results. With Donald Houston, Bonar Colleano,

Douglas Barr and Fred

Johnson, Directed by

6.30 Union World examines the

man and management
7.00 Channel Four news with

Stewart. .
7.50 Comment. With her views

on a topical subject is shop assistant Beryl Baker. Weather. 8.00 The Art of Persuasion.

new moves by the National Coal Board to heal the breach between

Peter Sissons and Alastan

Part three of the series on advertising features David Ogitvy the Briton who was a leading light on Madison

Avenue for two decades; advice on photographing a

beautiful woman; and why moving a string bean one thirty-secondth of an Inch made all thedifference.(Oracle) (r)

Treasure Hunt, Richard Wells and Peter Kelly from

round the Nottinghamshire countryside in search of clues to hidden treasure.

introduced by Kenneth

with three months to go

decides it is high time to take an audit of his own life before it is too late.

The play blends past with present and begins on a

Sunday May morning by the bandstand in Dalkey

and ends in the same

place later that night. Starring Paul Rogers, Daphne Carroll, Aiden O'Kelly and Godfrey

11.45 4 What it's Worth. A

Quigley. Directed by Louis Lentin.

repeat of the programme about the Dalkon Shield

contraceptive which has been associated with

damage to thousands of women. All claims for

damages must be lodged with the courts by the and

of April, Joan Shenton

ks to victims and explores their legal rights (r) Ends at 12.10

Kendall (Oracle)

9,30 A Life. A play by the Irish playwright Hugh Leonard about Desmond Drumm, a minor Irish civil servant

High Wycombe send Anneka Rice burtling

8.30

Charles Crichton.

violinist, with Yehudi

2.35 Film: The Magic Bow

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CHOICE stable alliances in tonight's film. • TIMEWATCH (BBC 2, andwiches. Given such a lunatic

Sane). The emphasis is on the "Eventually". In spite of everything, some Hollywood marnages between highwomen glamorous enough to Quality for acting roles in glossy, Dallas-type soap operas should the need ever arise, do managa to survive. Sally Burton, widow of Richard, does the round of such apparently

8.05pm)reminds those of us who might have forgotten that the British Museum began humbly with gifts of a dried thumb and a starved cat and pig. We are also reminded that our early prisons were built like cathedrals

Radio 4

On long wave. For Radio 4

programmes on VHF, see end

programmes on VTH\*, see end of Radio 4 listings. 5.55 Shipping 6.00 News 6.10 Parming 6.25 Prayer. 6.30 Today, incl 8.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Busmass News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather, Travel

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9.00 News
9.05 The Natural History
Programme, With Fergus Keeling and Lionel Kelleway.
9.35 Women: Equal Sex? Bel Mooney discusses women's attitudes towards equality (4) A Woman at the Top (r).
10.00 News; Medicine Now.
(Geoff Watts).
10.30 Moming Story: La Mort du Cygne by Paul Kenny, Reader: Bnjdle Erin Bates
10.45 An Act of Worship (5)
11.00 News; Travel; Analysis; Rumning out of our Ears.
Adnan Hamilton axamines the effect of tumbling oil prices. Do they offer Britain the possibility of a boost to economic growth ?(r)

the possibility of a boost to economic growth ?(r)

11.48 Thought for Food. Bob Symes on spaghetti bolognese.

12.00 News: You and Yours. With John Howard.

12.27 Film Star, Alexander

Walker on the career of

Woody Allen (r), 12.55

1.00 The World at One: news 1.40 The Archers. 1.55

Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour.
Includes a feature on

4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf with Hunter

Davies.
4.35 Kaleidoscope, Last night's edition which includes comment on the new production of When we Are Married at the re-

opened Whitehall Theatre, and the new Kurosawa film

Ran.Comment.too, on tha

book Cuckoo, by Linda

obscane phone calls.

as the music student (s).

to insul lotty thoughts in the immates, that the Irish have always been portrayed as fools by our cartoonists, and that the Brothers Gnmm probably perpetrated a Interary fraud in the name of German nationalism. Definitely a Believa it or Not edition of Timewatch.

■ KAREN KAY (BBC 2, 9.00pm) is a singar who also does impersonations of entertainers like Cilla Black, Jimmy Cricket. Shirley MacLaine and Barbra Streisand No doubt about it Miss Kay captures tha essence of ner victims' talent (or lack of it) in a most remarkable way.

and I thought the comedy sketches were sharper than we

normally get in this kind of

Peter Davalle

5.00 PM News magazine. 5.50 Shipping, 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News; Financial Report. 6.30 My Word! With Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden (r). 7.00 News

the consequences of a hack and how those involved are affected by

9.00 Does He Take Sugar?

Magazine for disabled isteners.
9.30 Glyn Worship.
9.45 Kaledoscope, With Christophe

Mahagonny, and the book The Women's

Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliamen 12.00 News; Weather 12.33

Play, Gifts by Fluric Powell, With John McAndrew

Radio 3 7.05 Morning Concert:

7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Air your views about some of the subjects raised in last week's Arry Questions?
7.40 Hilack, Tom Mangold or

Bigsby Includes items on the film Detective, the Scottish Opera production of Decameron. Also, European "soaps" 10.15 A Book At Bedtume:

Bengal Lancer. The autobiography of Francis Yeats Brown (4). Reader: Tim Piggott-Smith. 10.30 The World Tomphi. 11.15 The Financial World

12.00 News; Weather 12.33
Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as anowe except. 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 9.05 Noticeboard (s) 9.10 A Service for Schools 9.30 Secondary English 11-14 9.50 First Steps in Drama (s) 10.10 Playtime 10.25 Country Dancing Stage I. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Noticeboard (s) 11.05 In the News 11.30 Wavelength (s) 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner (s) 2.05 The Song Tree (s) 2.20 Living Language 2.40 Newcast. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-12.10 am Open University: 12.30-4-10

11.30-12.10 am Open University; 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News

(Traumegewalten): Mozart (Recrativa and anz: Misero, O sogno . Aura, che intorno spiro: Windebergh, teno"). Rubbra (Symphony No 10). 9.05 This Week's

Telemann (Concerto m B tlar for flutes, oboes strings),
Lato (Cello Concerto in D minor: Yo Yo
Ma.soloist), 8,00 News
8,05 Concert (contd) Balantiev

(Oriental lantasy Islame with Barere, plano). Berg

Composer:Poulenc. Chamber cantara un soir de

neige: Calligrammes, Francailles pour nre: Ameling, soprano). Priez pour paix (Souzay, bamone). 10.00 pour paix (Souzay hante cantata Figure humaine 10.00 Dvorak: Lausanne Co play the Czech Surta, Op 39 10.25 Russian Cello Music: Melissa Phelps.with

John York (prano).
Snostakovich (Sonata,
Op 40), Gbers (Ballace in B
stat. Op 4), Rachmaninov
(Two peces, Op 2)

11.05 Bernard Hattink and BBC

South Brait (prolitical) SO, with Pauk (violin)and Crossley (piano) Part 1, Beig (Chamber Concerto for violin.piano and 13 wind instruments)
11.45 Six Continents: Foraign

radio broadcasts,monitored by the 12.05 Hartink:part 2. Schubert (Symphony No 9). 1.00 News

1.05 Lunchtime Concert: Paul Esswood(counter-tenor),John Constable (harpsichord), Jennifer Ward Clarke (baroque ceto). Works by Dowla Marcello, Hocoer, John Bull, Purcell and Ame (Jamy) 2.00 Piano duets and duos: Chnstopher Kite and Chnstopher Kite and
Robert Ferguson. Grainger
(Country Gardens),
Debussy (Lindareja), Ravel
(Sites Auriculaires),
Debussy (Marche
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2.30 Francesca ds Rilmin; fouract opera by
Zandonai. Sung in Italian.
Milan Chous and

Milan Chorus and Orchestra of Italian Radio Cast includes Marcella Pobbe in the title role. Interval reading at 3.30. 4.55 News

5,00 Mainly for Pleasure: Michael Barkeley with recorded music 6,30 Bandstand: Parc and Dare Band, Henshali (Variations and Fugue). Gordon Langtord (Rhapsody for cornet and brass band) 7.00 Ian Parrott BBC Sincers

7,00 Jan Parrott: BBC Singers with solo instrumentalists and singers. The works include Surely the Lord Is in this place; and, Song of the stones of David 7.30 BBC Weish SO.with John Lill(piano).Part 1. Mozart (Magic Fluta overture), Brahms (Piano Concerto No.1)

No 1) 8,25 Ona Pair of Ears: the week's radio music. With Robert Lloyd 8.45 Concert:part 2. Beethoven (Symphony No 5)

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From Christopher Thomas New York

The World Jewish Congress suggested yesterday that there had been a massive cover-up. possibly involving govern-ments, to conceal the past of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The congress, a respected body representing Jewish organizations io 70 countries. said that despite Dr Waldheim's strong denials it stood by its accusation that he had concealed a Nazi past with links to war criminals and war crimes

Mr Edgar Bronfman, the president of the congress. yesterday sent telexes to Jewish groups around the world seeking survivors of the Holocaust who might be able to provide evidence of Dr Waldheim's past. Particular elforts are being made in Greece and Yugoslavia.

Mr Elan Steinberg, executive director of the congress. told The Times in New York yesterday that the timing of the allegations had nothing to do with Dr Waldheim's campaign for the presidency of

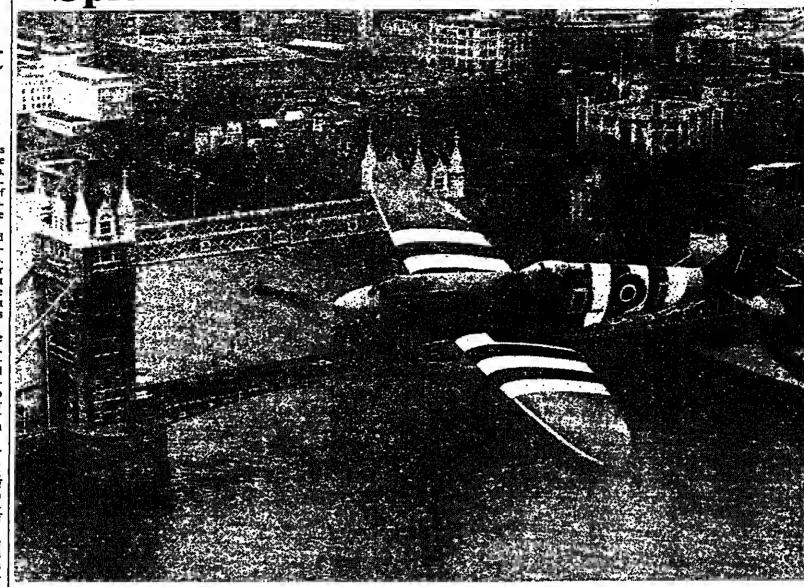
"About three weeks ago the WJC had a team in Vienna researching Nazi crimes in Austria. We uncovered preliminary evidence that Waldheim's biography was not kosher," he added, "A full scale investigation was authorized. If we discovered all this in three weeks, why bave governments with all their resources failed to uncover this in 40 years?

He said that the congress had had no contact with any political figures in Austria prior to its announcement on Tuesday, and certainly had not spoken to any of Dr Waldheim's political oppo-nents about the affair. He added that the matter raised serious questions about coverups and raised the possibility that Dr Waldheim might have been susceptible to blackmail while head of the United

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# Spitfire's finest hours remembered



A Royal Air Force Spitfire with wartime black and white markings passes over Tower Bridge, London, yesterday on a commemorative flight

By Patricia Clough

reverberated once again over London yesterday as an RAF Spitfire flew over the city to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the legendary fighter's

maiden flight. Spitfire PM631, piloted by Squadron Leader Paul Day, aged 44, a combat instructor from RAF Coningsby, Lincoloshire, flew at 400ft over the city disease leaves are seen as a constant of the city disease leaves are seen as a constant of the city disease leaves are seen as a constant of the city disease leaves are seen as a constant of the city disease leaves are seen as a constant of the city disease leaves are seen as a constant of the city of the ci the city, dipping lower over St Paul's and the Tower of London, then on to Whitehall and Parliament, hringing of-fice workers to their windows.

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The drone that evokes mem- armies would not mistake ories of Britain's finest hour them for German Messerschmitts.

At Eastleigh, Hampshire, where the Spitfires were built, the only two-seater model left in Europe landed on its belly as its undercarriage collapsed while taxiing before a fly-past of Spitfires over the Solent. Its pilot and owner, Mr Nick Grace, of Colchester, and his passenger were rueful but unburt. The aeroplane was

slightly damaged. Altogether, 22,759 Spitfires and Seafires, the naval version, were built and only 120 have survived, of which 12 are in Britain. The RAF has only

Princess Michael of Kent attends the Gold and Silver Ball,

Relief constructions and drawings by Alan Reynolds; Juda Rowan Gallery. Toltenham Mews, WI; Mon to Fri 10 to 6. Sat 10 to 1 (ends April 12). Works by Geoffrey Bawa: Royal Institute of British Architect.

tects. 66 Portland Place, WI: Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30 (ends April

Recent paintings by John Hitchens, Montpelier Studio, 4 Montpelier Street, SW7: Mon to

Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 1 lends

Concert by the Bournemouth

Symphony Orchestra: Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Early
Music Consort, Lower College
Hall. St Andrews University, 8,
Recital by Sarah Vivien Isoprano) and Patricia Williams

piano): St Olave Hart. EC3

Recital by the Aranjuez Gui-tar Trio: Churchill Hall. Worksop College, Notts. 7.45. Piano recital by Pascal Roge: The Great Hall. Lancaster University, 7.30.

Concert by the Auriol String Quartel: The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, I

Theatre, Manchester, I.
Concert by the Oxford Chamber Choir and Orchestra: New
College Chapel, Oxford, 8.15.
Rectal by The Tavern Fiddlers, 1.15: Concert by the
London College of Music Symphony Orchestra, 7.30; St
John's, Smith Square, SW1.
Talks and lectures

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The influences of Post-War

The Influences of Post-War European and American abstract art on British painting in the late 50's, by Jasia Riechardt, Toni del Renzio and Ralph Rumney: Warwick Arts Trust. St George's Drive, SW1, 6.30.

The European View: Artists in Lebanon, by Charles Newton: Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, W14, 6.30.

The making of a documentary.

The making of a documentary in the Soviet Union, by Olivia Lichenstein (co-producer). Menhuim Room, Portsmouth Central Library, 7,30

Eileen Illiyd David memorial Eileen Hungen Belter by

lecture on Human Rights, by Lord Scarmen; Taliesin Arts

Centre. University College Swansea, 7.30.

East Anglia Spring Antiques Fair. The Athenaeum. Angel Hill. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

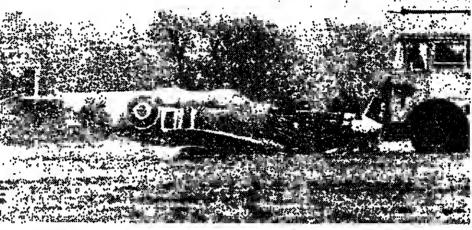
Sale of printed books: Bloomsbury Book Auctions. Hardwick Street, ECI, 10.30

General

March 26).

Music

the Cafe Royal, London, 8. New exhibitions



The two-seater Spitfire, flopped on its fuselage at Eastleigh after its undercarriage collapsed.

with the A361. M5: Outside lane closed northbound between junction 15 [M4] and 16

The North: Al: Contraflow on

northbound carriageway be-tween Blyth and Wadworth, Co Durham. A49: Traffic lights in use at Bickley N of Whitehurch. M6: Contraflow at peak times

on the southbound carriageway between junctions 17 and 17. Scotland: A85: Construction with traffic control along A85

East High Street, Crieff A74: Southbound inside lane closure

around the clock S of the A702 lElvantoot Road End), Lanark-

shire. A73: Inside lane closed on

both carriageways between Maryville interchange (junction

Commons 12.30): Debate on

plight of elderly. London Dock-lands Railway (City Extension)

Bill. second reading. Lords (3.00): Legal Aid (Scot-

Weather [5pm)

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land) Bill, committee stage.

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**Snow Reports** 

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Parliament today

Letter from Mexico City

# Give us back our lintels – please

The Greeks want the Elein Marbles back. Mexico wants the British Museum to return the Maudslay Lintels.

Lintels are relief stone carvings of a type found in what is known as the Classic Maya period, between 7 and Sir. Alfred Percival

Maudslay was, as the name indicates, a Victorian gentle-man. He was, besides, a scientist, scholar, diplomat, writer and adventurer. It was in the latter capacity

that he came to Mexico in 1880, rapidly developing a passion for the country's largely untapped archaeological wonders. (He was not the first Englishman to become enthralled by Mexico's pre-Hispanic heritage, Viscount Kingsborough, born into a wealthy aristocratic family in the late eighteenth century, came to Mexico and dedicated his life so fanatically to investigating, writing and collecting material on the rich culture of the Mayas and their all-conquering Azzec successors that he died penniless in a debtors' prison in London).

Maudslay arrived by canoe in March 1882 in the lost Mayan city of Yaxchilan, most of which still lay buried underground then. What particularly fascinated him about Yaxchilan, a remote spot near Guatemala in the jungles of Southern Mexico. were its lintels, which offered an intricate record of the history and customs of the

Mayas.
The clearly detailed highly expressive depictions of spear-carrying soldiers, priests in elaborate head dress and scenes generally of military conquest and religious rituals are considered of immense value by present day archaeologists and histo-

Maudslay too knew he was on to something special and, at great pain to himself and his team of local assistants, transported one of these lintels - which weighed nearly half a ton - down the swampy Lacandon River to

He returned the next year, 1883, and took "home"

which now means the British Museum - several more

The Mexican authorities today have a different percep-tion of where "home" ought to be. As far as the Mexicans are concerned, the lintels are as much stolen property, in the final analysis, as the 170 priceless gold and jade artifacts stolen last Christmas day from Mexico City's An-

thropological Museum.

The British Museum has
"a moral obligation to return
these pieces ... they must
return to this country", says
The Engine Fourty, says Dr Enrique Florescano, the head of Mexico's National Institute of History and Anthropology.
In an interview with The

Times. Dr Florescano admit ted there existed no lega mechanism to "coerce" the British Museum and other European museums, to re-turn Mexican archaeological objects. There was, nevertheless, a Mexican law in exis tence at the time Maudsla collected his booty prohibit ing the export of pre-Hispan ic treasures.
But Dr Florescano ac

knowledges that law carried little international weight to day. Which is why he appealed to the moral sense of the British Museum, arguing that "Looting and collecting are the worse enemies of cultural and scientific study

The Mexican Governme would now like to explore diplomatic channels to get the Maudslay Lintels back. Should that fail, the British Museum should perhaps steel itself for a possible theft attempt.

prized Mayan treasure was in Paris museum - having also been spirited out of Mexico in the nmeteenth century - a hot-headed Mexican private citizen went to Paris seven years ago and robbed the treasure back.

The Mexican authorities saw in it that the man's punishment was appropriately light

John Carlin

### Today's events

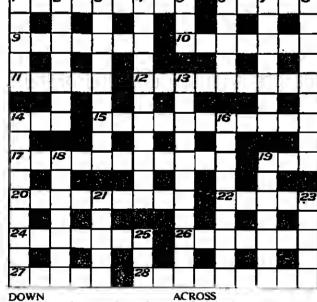
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.986



1 Reverses for the defence (5).

2 There's no place like bis ideal home 17). 3 Real kebab is curiously bril-

4 Rogue strikes smertly in lo-cal disturbance [11].

S Species of ox Arthur's seneschal raised (3).

7 One church composer's gla- 14 cial frigidity [7). 8 Being misrepresented, girl's

201 WYORE DOV 19). 13 Slips up about transport for on antique lirearm (11).

14 Anticipate everyone's support for widespread growth 16 Element found by listener in

rather unusual circumstances [4.5]. Conquerors identified by an RSM on manoeuvres (7). 22 Bird, for instance, to soften by soaking 151. 19 Aim to hold up soldiers in 24

this country [7). 21 Spokesman for circle in the grip of corruption [5]. 23 An hour, say, blowing wildly on Oberon's bank?

25 This compiler's name Irejected) for Bardolph's cor-poral [3].

Solution to Puzzle No 16,980

1 Fruit it's improper to cover up, we hear (9)

Novice rebuked about this issue (5). graph? 15-2).

10 Senior officers. say. for a body of sailors in flat-bottomed boats 17). 6 Carbonaceous rock about 11 Endure punishment [5]. right for supporting marine 12 Faction has unusual role for

Spanish genileman (9). Devotee of the Lady of the Lake? [3]. 15 Sound conductor, honest and of military bearing

(4.7). 17 Row with potential keeper helps us reach our target (5-

6). 19 A girl returned unaccompanied on hers 131. 20 Old copyist torn between state 6nd monarch 19).

by soaking 151. Like the ineffectual perfumes of a bloody somnam-bulist? 17).

26 Not prepared to study in University city in America 27 Material for motor missing from Cumbrian city [5).

28 Bad break for C-in-C? Solution to Puzzle No 16,985



Taking refuge in the reference books, page 10

Concise crossword page 8

### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Books - paperback

The Lilerary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week FICTION
Affice in Bed, by Cathleen Schine (Grafton, £2.95)
Death Is no Sportsmen, by Cyril Hare (Faber, £3.95)
Eric's Choice, by Ursula Holden (Methuen, £3.50)
The Passionate Friends, by H.G. Wells, introduction by Victoria Glendinning (Hogarth, £3.95)
NON-FICTION
An Open Effice, England 1540-1880, abridged edition by Lawrence Stone and Jeanne C. Fewtier Stone (Oxford, £6.95)
London Perceived, by V.S. Pritchett (Hogarth, £3.95)

Primavera, by Umberto Baldini, translated by Mary Fitton (Sidgwick & Jackson, 28.95)
Robert Graves, Selected Poems, edited by Paul O'Prey (Penguin, £3.95)
Roman Britain, by John Wacher (Dent, £4.50)
Thomas Crevey's Papers, 1793-1838, selected and edited by John Gore (Penguin, £5.95) (Penguin, 25.95)

### The pound

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To the Kwai and Back: war drawings by Ronald Searle: Imperia) War Museum, Lambeth Road, SEI: Mon to Sai 10 to 5.50. Sun 2 to 5.50 lends July. 6).  Contrasts in Danisb art: paintings end prints: SAGA. Scandinavian Art, 3 Elystan Street, SW3; Mon lo Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 lends March 22).  Watercolours by various artists: Bell Gallery, 13 Adelaide Park, Belfast, Mon to Fri 9 to 5. Sat 9 to 1 (ends March 27).  Benson end Hedges Awards Exhibition 1985 to 86: Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast, Tues to Sat 10 to 6 lends March 28)  Careers for the 1980's: Bristol Exhibition Centre; today 1 to 4.30. Fri 10 to 4.30, Sat and Sun 10 to 5 juntil March 9).	Australia 3 Austria Sch Beigism Fr Canada 8 Dermark Kr Finland Mikk France Fr Germanty Dm Greece Dr Hong Kong \$ ireland Pt taly Lira Japan Yen Netherlands Gid Norway Kr Portugal Esc South Africa Rd	Bank, Buys 2.19 23.70 69.80 2.13 12.60 7.77 10.43 243.00 11.70 11.70 2300.00 274.00 3.87 221.50 211.00 10.95 2.865 1.52 1.52 1.52 1.50 2.865 1.52 1.50 2.865 1.52 2.865 2.86	Bank Salts 2.05 22.59 56.00 2.94 11.90 2.80 1.95 2.12 218.00 1.95 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10
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### Anniversaries

### £250,000 bond

The winning number of this month's £250.000 Premium Bond prize is 7CZ 467210. The shire.

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### Roads

The Midlands: M5: Roadworks SW of Birmingham be-tween junction 4 [Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich); two lanes southbound and only one northbound; no northbound sc-cess at junction 5 and a 50 mph mandatory speed limit. M5: Contraflow W of Birmingham. between junctions 2 [A4123 Dudley/Birmingham) and 3 (A456 Halesowen); two lanes in each direction. M1: North-bound traffic reduced to two lanes on the northbound carriageway between junctions Wales and West: A38: Repairs at Ashburton delaying traffic travelling between Ash-burton and Plymouth. A39: Lane restrictions at the junction

Births: Michelangelo, Capres haly, 1475; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Durham. 1806: George dn Maurier, caricaturist and novelist, Paris. 1834.

Deaths: Louisa Mny Alcott, author of Little B omen, Boston.

Massachusetts. 1888: Gottlieb Daimler, Mechanical engineer, pioneer of internal-combustion engine. Cannstatt. Germany. 1900: John Redmond. Irish nationalist. London. 1918: John nationalist. London, 1918; John Phillip Sousa, bandmaster and composer, Reading, Pennsylva-nia, 1932; Zoltán Kodály, com-poser, Budapest, 1967; Pearl Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971.

# NE.

Deep depression N of Scotland will move slowly

Weather

forecast

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Midlands, E Eagland: Scattered showers, sunny penods; wind SW moderate or fresh veering NW; max temp 8C (46F). SE, central S England: Showers, suriny intervals: wind SW fresh

sunny intervals; wind SW fresh locally strong veering NW; max temp 8C (46F).

Charmel Islands, SW, NW, central N England, Wates: Showers, some heavy, sunny intervals; wind SW fresh or strong locally gale veering NW; max temp 8C (46F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Showers, some heavy with hall end

Scotland, Northern Ireland: Showers, some heavy with hail end thunder, sumny intervals; wind SW strong to gale veering NW; max temp 7C (45F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firtht Scattered showers, sumny intervals; wind SW fresh or strong locally gale veering NW; max temp 7C (45F). Glesgow, Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Angyli, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy with showers or outbreaks of rain, brighter later; wind SW strong to gale locally severe gale veering NW; max temp 6C (43F).

Outbook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry on Friday, further

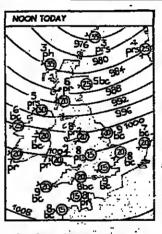
urday: Mostly dry on Friday, further rain later. Temperatures near nor-mal, frost in places overnight.



Lighting-up time

London 8 19 pm to 8.04 am Bristol 6.29 pm to 8.12 am Ediabargh 6.27 pm to 6.20 am Manchester 6.25 pm to 6.14 am Panzance 8.42 pm to 6.24 am

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Interpol grabbed him when he was back in Mexico but by this time the Mayan piece was back in its place of origin

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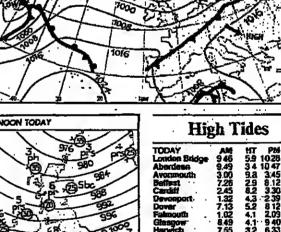
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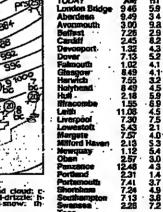
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### **Around Britain**

